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September 04, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF A SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH ALERT
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to execute a sole source Agreement with Alert Communication, Inc., for the continued provision of telephone communication support services.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Director of Health Services (Director), or his designee, to execute a sole source Agreement with Alert Communications, Inc. (Alert) substantially similar to Exhibit I, for the continued provision of Telephone Communication Support Services (TCSS) for Healthy Way L.A. (HWLA) Program enrollees, effective upon Board approval, for the period October 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013, at an estimated cost of \$ 219,095.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Health Services or his designee, to execute future amendments to the Agreement to a) incorporate provisions consistent with County Code, Board policy, and Chief Executive Office (CEO) contracting requirements, and/or b) revise the scope of services to improve operational effectiveness at no additional cost to County, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, with notice to the Board and the CEO.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the first recommendation will allow the Director to execute a sole source Agreement with Alert to ensure continuity of 24/7 access to TCSS for HWLA Program enrollees through December 31, 2013. The Ambulatory Care Network (ACN) operates a call center during normal business hours providing patients the ability to communicate with a live person, in their primary language, for inquiries regarding their eligibility status, primary care provider/clinic site, warm transfer to the Nurse Advise Line should the call be misdirected and other general information. In addition, emergency care providers/hospitals are able to verify enrollee eligibility and obtain 24-hour authorizations for out-of-network emergency services/admissions. The Agreement with Alert ensures the availability of TCSS during the time periods where County does not have the man-power to provide TCSS, i.e., after-hours (5pm-8am), weekends, holidays and secondary overflow coverage during business hours, for high call volume demand periods.

The County has contracted with Alert for a number of years, for the provision of TCSS under an agreement that expires September 30, 2012. The current agreement was originally designed for Office of Managed Care/Community Health Plan's (OMC/CHP's) product lines. In conjunction with the Board authorizing transition of the CHP product lines and members to L.A. Care, DHS expanded the use of this Agreement to include the HWLA Program. Since the CHP and Healthy Families Program will be dissolved, the Department has opted to develop a successor Agreement tailored just for the HWLA Program enrollees.

The recommended successor Agreement with Alert will allow the continued provision of TCSS to the HWLA Program enrollees. The HWLA Program will continue to need these services on an intermittent, and temporary basis through December 30, 2013, and it would be cost prohibitive (i.e., staff time), to conduct a full solicitation process to seek a new provider for its time limited use. Therefore, the recommended actions are believed to be in the best interest of the County.

Approval of the second recommendation will allow DHS to add or revise standard agreement provisions, and revise the scope of services to improve operational effectiveness, if necessary.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action supports Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness, and Goal 3, Integrated Service Delivery of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total estimated cost for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-13 is \$219,095. Funding for these services is included in the FY 2012-13 Board Adopted Budget and will be requested in FY 2013-14.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Attachment A is the sole source checklist in compliance with Board Policy 5.100.

The recommended Agreement includes all current Board required terms and conditions and is designed to support DHS's compliance with the access and availability requirements under the State Department of Health Care Services' Low Income Health Program Agreement with the County.

The TCSS are not a Proposition A Agreement as services are only needed on a part-time, intermittent and overflow basis (after-hours, weekends, County holidays), therefore, not subject to the Living Wage Program (Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.201).

The Agreement may be terminated for convenience by the County upon ninety days (90) prior written notice.

County Counsel has approved Exhibit I as to form.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Not Applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommendations will ensure the continued and uninterrupted provision of telephone communication support services for HWLA Program enrollees.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell Katz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.
Director


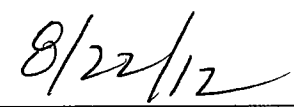
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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisor

SOLE SOURCE CHECKLIST

Check (√)	JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS Identify applicable justification and provide documentation for each checked item.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Only one bona fide source for the service exists; performance and price competition are not available.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Quick action is required (emergency situation).
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Proposals have been solicited but no satisfactory proposals were received.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Additional services are needed to complete an ongoing task and it would be prohibitively costly in time and money to seek a new service provider.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Maintenance service agreements exist on equipment which must be serviced by the authorized manufacturer's service representatives.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It is most cost-effective to obtain services by exercising an option under an existing contract.
X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It is in the best interest of the County e.g., administrative cost savings, excessive learning curve for a new service provider, etc. for the following reasons: <p><i>The County has contracted with Alert for a number of years, for the provision of TCSS under an agreement that expires September 30, 2012. The current agreement was originally designed for Office of Managed Care/Community Health Plan's (OMC/CHP's) product lines and later expanded to include the HWLA program. With the impending transfer of OMC/CHP's remaining product line, the Healthy Families Program (HFP), to the L.A. Care Health Plan, the Department has opted to develop a successor Agreement tailored just for the HWLA enrollees.</i></p> <p><i>The recommended successor Agreement with Alert will allow the continued provision of TCSS to the HWLA enrollees. The HWLA Program will continue to need these services on an intermittent, and temporary basis through December 30, 2013, and it would be cost prohibitive (i.e., staff time), to conduct a full solicitation process to seek a new provider for its time limited use. Therefore, the recommended actions are believed to be in the best interest of the County.</i></p>

	➤ Other reason. Please explain:
	
Deputy Chief Executive Officer, CEO	Date

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES



AGREEMENT

BY AND BETWEEN

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

AND

ALERT COMMUNICATIONS, INC

FOR

TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION SUPPORT SERVICES

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**AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**AND
ALERT COMMUNICATIONS, INC**

**FOR
TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION SUPPORT SERVICES**

This Agreement and Exhibits made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 20__ by and between the County of Los Angeles, hereinafter referred to as County and _____, hereinafter referred to as Contractor. _____ is located at _____.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the County may contract with private businesses for Telephone Communication Support Services when certain requirements are met; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor is a private firm specializing in providing Telephone Communication Support Services; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor is engaged in the business of Telephone Communication Support services and is licensed, equipped, staffed, and prepared to provide twenty-four hour answering services for, and in consideration of, compensation provided under this Agreement and upon the conditions hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, County has determined that it does not have sufficient personnel to provide the required twenty-four hour telephone access to Healthy

Way L.A. enrollees and finds it necessary to secure outside twenty-four hour telephone services; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement is therefore authorized under California Code, Government Code Section 31000 which authorizes the Board of Supervisors to contract for Telephone Communication Support Services; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement is therefore authorized under Section 44.7 of the Los Angeles County Charter and Los Angeles County Codes Section 2.121.250.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, and for good and valuable consideration, the parties agree to the following:

1.0 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

Exhibits A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I, are attached to and form a part of this Agreement. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency in the definition or interpretation of any word, responsibility, schedule, or the contents or description of any task, deliverable, goods, service, or other work, or otherwise between the base Agreement and the Exhibits, or between Exhibits, such conflict or inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence first to the Agreement and then to the Exhibits according to the following priority.

Standard Exhibits:

- 1.1 EXHIBIT A - Statement of Work
- 1.2 EXHIBIT B - Pricing Schedule
- 1.3 EXHIBIT C - Contractor's EEO Certification
- 1.4 EXHIBIT D - County's Administration
- 1.5 EXHIBIT E - Contractor's Administration
- 1.6 EXHIBIT F - Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement
- 1.7 EXHIBIT G - Jury Service Ordinance

- 1.8 EXHIBIT H - Contractor's Obligations as a "Business Associate" Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH)

SB 1262 – Nonprofit Integrity Act of 2004

- 1.09 EXHIBIT I - Charitable Contributions Certification

This Agreement and the Exhibits hereto constitute the complete and exclusive statement of understanding between the parties, and supersedes all previous agreements, written and oral, and all communications between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. No change to this Agreement shall be valid unless prepared pursuant to sub-paragraph 8.1 - Amendments and signed by both parties.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

The headings herein contained are for convenience and reference only and are not intended to define the scope of any provision thereof. The following words as used herein shall be construed to have the following meaning, unless otherwise apparent from the context in which they are used.

- 2.1 Agreement:** Contract executed between County and Contractor. It sets forth the terms and conditions for the issuance and performance of the Statement of Work, Exhibit A.
- 2.2 Contract:** Agreement executed between County and Contractor.
- 2.3 Contractor:** The sole proprietor, partnership, limited liability company or corporation that has entered into an Agreement with the County to perform or execute the work covered by the Statement of Work.
- 2.4 Contractor Project Manager:** The individual designated by the Contractor to administer the Agreement operations after the Agreement award.
- 2.5 Day(s):** Calendar day(s) unless otherwise specified.
- 2.6 DHS:** Department of Health Services

- 2.7 Director:** Director of Health Services or his/her authorized designee.
- 2.8 Facility:** Medical Centers, Rehabilitation Centers, Health Centers, or Ambulatory Care Centers all within Department of Health Services.
- 2.9 Facility Project Director:** Person designated by County with authority for County on contractual or administrative matters relating to this Agreement that cannot be resolved by the Facility's Project Manager.
- 2.10 Facility Project Manager:** Person designated by Facility's Project Director to manage the operations under this Agreement.
- 2.11 Facility Project Monitor:** Person with responsibility to oversee the day to day activities of this Agreement. Responsibility for inspections of any and all tasks, deliverables, goods, services and other work provided by the Contractor.
- 2.12 Fiscal Year:** The twelve (12) month period beginning July 1st and ending the following June 30th.

3.0 WORK

- 3.1** Pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, the Contractor shall fully perform, complete and deliver on time, all tasks, deliverables, services and other work as set forth herein.
- 3.2** If the Contractor provides any tasks, deliverables, goods, services, or other work, other than as specified in this Agreement, the same shall be deemed to be a gratuitous effort on the part of the Contractor, and the Contractor shall have no claim whatsoever against the County.

4.0 TERM OF AGREEMENT

- 4.1** The term of this Agreement shall be 15 months commencing after execution by County's Board of Supervisors, unless sooner terminated or extended, in whole or in part, as provided in this Agreement.

- 4.2 The County maintains databases that track/monitor Contractor performance history. Information entered into such databases may be used for a variety of purposes, including determining whether the County will exercise a contract term extension option.

5.0 BILLING AND PAYMENT

- 5.1 County agrees to compensate Contractor for services rendered pursuant to this Agreement in accordance with the terms, conditions and rates set forth in Exhibit B - Pricing Schedule, attached and incorporated herein for reference.
- 5.2 The Contractor shall not be entitled to payment or reimbursement for any tasks or services performed, nor for any incidental or administrative expenses whatsoever incurred in or incidental to performance hereunder, except as specified herein. Assumption or takeover of any of the Contractor's duties, responsibilities, or obligations, or performance of same by any entity other than the Contractor, whether through assignment, subcontract, delegation, merger, buyout, or any other mechanism, with or without consideration for any reason whatsoever, shall occur only with the County's express prior written approval.
- 5.3 The Contractor shall maintain a system of record keeping that will allow the Contractor to determine when it has incurred seventy-five percent (75%) of the total Agreement authorization under this Agreement. Upon occurrence of this event, the Contractor shall send written notification to DHS at the address herein provided in Exhibit D - County's Administration.

5.4 No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration/Termination of Agreement

The Contractor shall have no claim against County for payment of any money or reimbursement, of any kind whatsoever, for any service provided by the Contractor after the expiration or other termination of this Agreement. Should the Contractor receive any

such payment it shall immediately notify County and shall immediately repay all such funds to County. Payment by County for services rendered after expiration/termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of County's right to recover such payment from the Contractor. This provision shall survive the expiration or other termination of this Agreement.

5.5 Invoices and Payments

- 5.5.1 The Contractor shall invoice the County in arrears only for providing the tasks, deliverables, goods, services, and other work specified in Exhibit A - Statement of Work and elsewhere hereunder. The Contractor shall prepare invoices, which shall include the charges owed to the Contractor by the County under the terms of this Agreement. The Contractor's payments shall be as provided in Exhibit B - Pricing Schedule, and the Contractor shall be paid only for the tasks, deliverables, goods, services, and other work approved in writing by the County. If the County does not approve work in writing no payment shall be due to the Contractor for that work.
- 5.5.2 The Contractor's invoices shall be priced in accordance with Exhibit B - Pricing Schedule.
- 5.5.3 The Contractor's invoices shall contain the information set forth in Exhibit A - Statement of Work describing the tasks, deliverables, goods, services, work hours, and facility and/or other work for which payment is claimed.
- 5.5.4 The Contractor shall submit the monthly invoices to the County by the 15th calendar day of the month following the month of service.
- 5.5.5 All invoices under this Agreement shall be submitted in two (2) copies to the following address:

Ambulatory Care Network
1000 S. Fremont Ave
Bldg. A-9, East 2nd Floor, Unit 4
Alhambra, CA 91803
Attn: General Accounting Manager

5.5.6 County Approval of Invoices

All invoices submitted by the Contractor for payment must have the written approval of the Facility's Project Manager prior to any payment thereof. In no event shall the County be liable or responsible for any payment prior to such written approval. Approval for payment will not be unreasonably withheld

5.6 Intentionally Omitted

5.7 Intentionally Omitted

6.0 ADMINISTRATION OF AGREEMENT - COUNTY

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

The Director shall have the authority to administer this Agreement on behalf of the County. Director retains professional and administrative responsibility for the services rendered under this Agreement. A listing of all County Administration referenced in the following sub-paragraphs is designated in Exhibit D - County's Administration. The County shall notify the Contractor in writing of any change in the names or addresses shown.

6.1 County's Project Director

Responsibilities of the Facility Project Director include:

- ensuring that the objectives of this Agreement are met; and
- providing direction to the Contractor in the areas relating to County policy, information requirements, and procedural requirements.

6.2 County's Project Manager

The responsibilities of the County's Project Manager include:

- meeting with the Contractor's Project Manager on a regular basis; and
- inspecting any and all tasks, deliverables, goods, services, or other work provided by or on behalf of the Contractor.

The County's Project Manager is not authorized to make any changes in any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement and is not authorized to further obligate County in any respect whatsoever.

6.3 County's Project Monitor

The County's Project Monitor is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day administration of this Agreement. The Project Monitor reports to the County's Project Manager.

7.0 ADMINISTRATION OF AGREEMENT - CONTRACTOR

7.1 Contractor's Project Manager

7.1.1 The Contractor's Project Manager is designated in Exhibit E - Contractor's Administration. The Contractor shall notify the County in writing of any change in the name or address of the Contractor's Project Manager.

7.1.2 The Contractor's Project Manager shall be responsible for the Contractor's day-to-day activities as related to this Agreement and shall coordinate with Facility's Project Manager and Facility's Project Monitor on a regular basis.

7.2 Contractor's Authorized Official(s)

7.2.1 Contractor's Authorized Official(s) are designated in Exhibit E. Contractor shall promptly notify County in writing of any change in the name(s) or address (es) of Contractor's Authorized Official(s).

7.2.2 Contractor represents and warrants that all requirements of Contractor have been fulfilled to provide actual authority to

such officials to execute documents under this Agreement on behalf of Contractor.

7.3 Approval of Contractor's Staff

County has the absolute right to approve or disapprove all of the Contractor's staff performing work hereunder and any proposed changes in the Contractor's staff, including, but not limited to, the Contractor's Project Manager.

7.4 Intentionally Omitted

7.5 Background and Security Investigations

7.5.1 All Contractor staff performing work under this Agreement shall undergo and pass, to the satisfaction of County, a background investigation as a condition of beginning and continuing to work under this Agreement. County may use its discretion in determining the method of background clearance to be used, which may include but is not limited to fingerprinting. The fees associated with obtaining the background information shall be at the expense of the Contractor, regardless if the Contractor's staff passes or fails the background clearance investigation. County may perform the background check and bill Contractor for the cost or deduct such amount from funds owed by County to Contractor.

7.5.2 County shall request that the Contractor's staff be immediately removed from working on the County Agreement at any time during the term of this Agreement. County will not provide to the Contractor nor to the Contractor's staff any information obtained through the County conducted background clearance.

7.5.3 Disqualification, if any, of the Contractor's staff, pursuant to this sub-paragraph 7.4, shall not relieve the Contractor of

its obligation to complete all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

7.6 Confidentiality

7.6.1 Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of all records and information, including, but not limited to, billings, County records and patient records, in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies and procedures relating to confidentiality, including, without limitation, County policies concerning information technology security and the protection of confidential records and information.

7.6.2 Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs and expenses, administrative penalties and fines assessed including, without limitation, defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting, or professional fees, arising from, connected with, or related to any failure by Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors, to comply with this sub-paragraph 7.6, as determined by County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to Contractor's indemnification obligations under this sub-paragraph 7.6 shall be conducted by Contractor and performed by counsel selected by Contractor and approved by County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, County shall have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event Contractor fails to provide County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by County in its sole judgment, County shall be

entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and reimbursement from Contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by County in doing so. Contractor shall not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction, or make any admission, in each case, on behalf of County without County's prior written approval.

7.6.3 Contractor shall inform all of its officers, employees, agents and subcontractors providing services hereunder of the confidentiality and indemnification provisions of this Agreement.

7.6.4 Contractor shall sign and adhere to the provisions of the "Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement", Exhibit F.

7.7 Intentionally Omitted

7.8 Staff Performance under the Influence

Contractor shall not knowingly permit any employee to perform services under this Agreement while under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, medication, narcotic, or other substance which might impair their physical or mental performance.

7.9 Intentionally Omitted

8.0 STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

8.1 AMENDMENTS

8.1.1 For any change which affects the scope of work, term, Agreement Sum, payments, or any term or condition included under this Agreement, an Amendment shall be prepared by the County and then executed by the Contractor and by Director or his/her designee

8.1.2 The County's Board of Supervisors or Chief Executive Officer or designee may require the addition and/or change of certain terms and conditions in the Agreement during the

term of this Agreement. The County reserves the right to add and/or change such provisions as required by the County's Board of Supervisors, Chief Executive Officer or designee. To implement such changes, an Amendment to the Agreement shall be prepared by the County and then executed by the Contractor and by Director or his/her designee

- 8.1.3 The Director or his/her designee, may require, at his/her sole discretion, the addition and/or change of certain terms and conditions in the Agreement to conform to changes in federal or state law or regulation or County policy, during the term of this Agreement. The County reserves the unilateral right to add and/or change such provisions as required by law, regulation or County policy, without the need for Contractor's written consent, to preserve this Agreement's conformity and compliance to federal and state law or regulation or County policy as deemed necessary by the County's Board of Supervisors, County Counsel, the Chief Executive Officer or designee.

8.2 ASSIGNMENT AND DELEGATION

- 8.2.1 The Contractor shall not assign its rights or delegate its duties under this Agreement, or both, whether in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of County, in its discretion, and any attempted assignment or delegation without such consent shall be null and void. For purposes of this sub-paragraph, County consent shall require a written amendment to the Agreement, which is formally approved and executed by the parties. Any payments by the County to any approved delegate or assignee on any claim under this Agreement shall be deductible, at County's sole discretion, against the claims, which the Contractor may

have against the County.

8.2.2 Shareholders, partners, members, or other equity holders of Contractor may transfer, sell, exchange, assign, or divest themselves of any interest they may have therein. However, in the event any such sale, transfer, exchange, assignment, or divestment is effected in such a way as to give majority control of Contractor to any person(s), corporation, partnership, or legal entity other than the majority controlling interest therein at the time of execution of the Agreement, such disposition is an assignment requiring the prior written consent of County in accordance with applicable provisions of this Agreement.

8.2.3 Any assumption, assignment, delegation, or takeover of any of the Contractor's duties, responsibilities, obligations, or performance of same by any entity other than the Contractor, whether through assignment, subcontract, delegation, merger, buyout, or any other mechanism, with or without consideration for any reason whatsoever without County's express prior written approval, shall be a material breach of the Agreement which may result in the termination of this Agreement. In the event of such termination, County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by Contractor.

8.3 AUTHORIZATION WARRANTY

The Contractor represents and warrants that the person executing this Agreement for the Contractor is an authorized agent who has actual authority to bind the Contractor to each and every term, condition, and obligation of this Agreement and that all requirements of the Contractor have been fulfilled to provide such actual authority.

8.4 BUDGET REDUCTIONS

In the event that the County's Board of Supervisors adopts, in any fiscal year, a County Budget which provides for reductions in the salaries and benefits paid to the majority of County employees and imposes similar reductions with respect to County contracts, the County reserves the right to reduce its payment obligation under this Agreement correspondingly for that fiscal year and any subsequent fiscal year during the term of this Agreement (including any extensions), and the services to be provided by the Contractor under this Agreement shall also be reduced correspondingly. The County's notice to the Contractor regarding said reduction in payment obligation shall be provided within thirty (30) calendar days of the Board's approval of such actions. Except as set forth in the preceding sentence, the Contractor shall continue to provide all of the services set forth in this Agreement.

8.5 CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION – LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS (45 C.F.R. PART 76)

Contractor hereby acknowledges that the County is prohibited from contracting with and making sub-awards to parties that are suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded or whose principals are suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded from securing federally funded contracts. By executing this Agreement, Contractor certifies that neither it nor any of its owners, officers, partners, or directors or other principals is currently suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded from securing federally funded contracts. Further, by executing this Agreement, Contractor certifies that, to its knowledge, none of its subcontractors, at any tier, or any owner, officer, partner, director, or other principal of any subcontractor is currently suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded from securing federally funded contracts. Contractor shall immediately notify County in writing, during the term of this Agreement, should it or any of its

subcontractors or any principals of either be suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded from securing federally funded contracts. Failure of Contractor to comply with this provision shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which the County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.

8.6 COMPLAINTS

The Contractor shall develop, maintain and operate procedures for receiving, investigating and responding to complaints.

8.6.1 Within 30 business days after Agreement effective date, the Contractor shall provide the County with the Contractor's policy for receiving, investigating and responding to user complaints.

8.6.2 The County will review the Contractor's policy and provide the Contractor with approval of said plan or with requested changes.

8.6.3 If the County requests changes in the Contractor's policy, the Contractor shall make such changes and resubmit the plan within 30 business days for County approval.

8.6.4 If, at any time, the Contractor wishes to change the Contractor's policy, the Contractor shall submit proposed changes to the County for approval before implementation.

8.7 COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS

8.7.1 In the performance of this Agreement, Contractor shall comply with all current and applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies and procedures, including, but not limited to standards of The Joint Commission, its National Patient Safety Goals, California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 5 regulations and all other applicable industry

best practices standards. All provisions required thereby to be included in this Agreement are incorporated herein by reference.

- 8.7.2 Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, administrative penalties and fines assessed, costs, and expenses, including, without limitation, defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting or professional fees, arising from, connected with, or related to any failure by Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors, to comply with any such laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies, or procedures, as determined by County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to Contractor's indemnification obligations under this sub-paragraph 8.7 shall be conducted by Contractor and performed by counsel selected by Contractor and approved by County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, County shall have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event Contractor fails to provide County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by County in its sole judgment, County shall be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and reimbursement from Contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by County in doing so. Contractor shall not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction or other equitable relief, or make any admission, in each case, on behalf of County without County's prior written approval.

8.8 COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS-

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION LAWS

- 8.8.1 The Contractor hereby assures that it will comply with Subchapter VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC Sections 2000 (e) (1) through 2000 (e) (17); the Fair Employment & Housing Act, Government Code Section 12920-12922; and Affirmative Action in County Agreements, Chapter 4.32 of the Los Angeles County Code to the end that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, or political affiliation, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Agreement or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Agreement.
- 8.8.2 The Contractor certifies and agrees that all persons employed by it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies are and shall be treated equally without regard to or because of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, or political affiliation, in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations.
- 8.8.3 The Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, or political affiliation, in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations. Such action shall include, but is not limited to: employment,

upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

- 8.8.4 The Contractor certifies and agrees that it will deal with its subcontractors, bidders, or vendors without regard to or because of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, or political affiliation.
- 8.8.5 The Contractor certifies and agrees that it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies shall comply with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations to the end that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, or political affiliation, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Agreement or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Agreement.
- 8.8.6 The Contractor shall allow County representatives access to the Contractor's employment records during regular business hours to verify compliance with the provisions of this sub-paragraph 8.8 when so requested by the County.
- 8.8.7 If the County finds that any provisions of this sub-paragraph 8.8 have been violated, such violation shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which the County may terminate or suspend this Agreement. While the County reserves the right to determine independently that the anti-discrimination provisions of this

Agreement have been violated, in addition, a determination by the California Fair Employment Practices Commission or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that the Contractor has violated Federal or State anti-discrimination laws or regulations shall constitute a finding by the County that the Contractor has violated the anti-discrimination provisions of this Agreement.

8.8.8 The parties agree that in the event the Contractor violates any of the anti-discrimination provisions of this Agreement, the County shall, at its sole option, be entitled to the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for each such violation pursuant to California Civil Code Section 1671 as liquidated damages in lieu of terminating or suspending this Agreement.

8.8.9 **Anti-discrimination in Services:**

Contractor shall not discriminate in the provision of services hereunder because of race, color, religious creed, national origin, ethnic group identification, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, medical condition, marital status, political affiliation, or physical or mental disability in accordance with requirements of Federal and State laws. For the purpose of this sub-paragraph, discrimination in the provision of services may include, but is not limited to, the following: Denying any person any service or benefit or the availability of a facility; providing any service or benefit to a person which is not equivalent or is provided in a non-equivalent manner or at a non-equivalent time, from that provided to others; subjecting any person to segregation or separate treatment in any manner related to the receipt of any service; restricting any person in any way in the enjoyment of any advantage or privilege enjoyed by others receiving

any service or benefit; and treating any person differently from others in determining admission, enrollment quota, eligibility, membership, or any other requirements or conditions which persons must meet in order to be provided any service or benefit. Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that intended beneficiaries of this Agreement are provided services without regard to race, color, religious creed, national origin, ethnic group identification, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, age, medical condition, marital status, political affiliation, physical or mental disability.

8.8.10 The Contractor shall certify to, and comply with, the provisions of Exhibit C - Contractor's EEO Certification.

8.9 COMPLIANCE WITH THE COUNTY'S JURY SERVICE PROGRAM

8.9.1 Jury Service Program:

This Agreement is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Contractor Employee Jury Service ("Jury Service Program") as codified in Sections 2.203.010 through 2.203.090 of the Los Angeles County Code, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit G and incorporated by reference into and made a part of this Agreement.

8.9.2 Written Employee Jury Service Policy.

1. Unless the Contractor has demonstrated to the County's satisfaction either that the Contractor is not a "Contractor" as defined under the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.020 of the County Code) or that the Contractor qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.070 of the County Code), the Contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its Employees shall receive from the

Contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that Employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the Contractor or that the Contractor deduct from the Employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service.

2. For purposes of this sub-paragraph, "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation or other entity which has a contract with the County or a subcontract with a County Contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more County contracts or subcontracts. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of the Contractor. "Full-time" means 40 hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if: 1) the lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the County, or 2) Contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of 90 days or less within a 12-month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program. If the Contractor uses any subcontractor to perform services for the County under the Agreement, the subcontractor shall also be subject to the provisions of this sub-paragraph. The provisions of this sub-paragraph shall be inserted into any such subcontract agreement and a copy of the Jury Service Program shall be attached to the Agreement.
3. If the Contractor is not required to comply with the Jury Service Program when the contract commences, the

Contractor shall have a continuing obligation to review the applicability of its "exception status" from the Jury Service Program, and the Contractor shall immediately notify the County if the Contractor at any time either comes within the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" or if the Contractor no longer qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program. In either event, the Contractor shall immediately implement a written policy consistent with the Jury Service Program. The County may also require, at any time during the contract and at its sole discretion, that the Contractor demonstrate, to the County's satisfaction that the Contractor either continues to remain outside of the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" and/or that the Contractor continues to qualify for an exception to the Program.

4. Contractor's violation of this sub-paragraph of the Agreement may constitute a material breach of the Agreement. In the event of such material breach, County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Agreement and/or bar the Contractor from the award of future County contracts for a period of time consistent with the seriousness of the breach.

8.10 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 8.10.1 No County employee whose position with the County enables such employee to influence the award or administration of this Agreement or any competing contract, and no spouse or economic dependent of such employee, shall be employed in any capacity by the Contractor or have any other direct or indirect financial interest in this

Agreement. No officer or employee of the Contractor who may financially benefit from the performance of work hereunder shall in any way participate in the County's approval, or ongoing evaluation, of such work, or in any way attempt to unlawfully influence the County's approval or ongoing evaluation of such work.

8.10.2 The Contractor shall comply with all conflict of interest laws, ordinances, and regulations now in effect or hereafter to be enacted during the term of this Agreement. The Contractor warrants that it is not now aware of any facts that create a conflict of interest. If the Contractor hereafter becomes aware of any facts that might reasonably be expected to create a conflict of interest, it shall immediately make full written disclosure of such facts to the County. Full written disclosure shall include, but is not limited to, identification of all persons implicated and a complete description of all relevant circumstances. Failure to comply with the provisions of this sub-paragraph shall be a material breach of this Agreement.

8.11 CONSIDERATION OF HIRING COUNTY EMPLOYEES TARGETED FOR LAYOFF/OR RE-EMPLOYMENT LIST

Should the Contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Agreement to perform the services set forth herein, the Contractor shall give first consideration for such employment openings to qualified, permanent County employees who are targeted for layoff or qualified, former County employees who are on a re-employment list during the life of this Agreement.

8.12 CONSIDERATION OF HIRING GAIN/GROW PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

8.12.1 Should the Contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Agreement, the

Contractor shall give consideration for any such employment openings to participants in the County's Department of Public Social Services Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program or General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) Program who meet the Contractor's minimum qualifications for the open position. If the Contractor decides to pursue consideration of GAIN/GROW participants for hiring, the Contractor shall provide information regarding job openings and job requirements to DPSS' GAIN/GROW staff at GAINGROW@dpss.lacounty.gov. The County will refer GAIN/GROW participants by job category to the Contractor.

- 8.12.2 In the event that both laid-off County employees and GAIN/GROW participants are available for hiring, County employees shall be given first priority.

8.13 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY AND DEBARMENT

8.13.1 Responsible Contractor

A responsible Contractor is a Contractor who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform the contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible Contractors.

8.13.2 Chapter 2.202 of the County Code

The Contractor is hereby notified that, in accordance with Chapter 2.202 of the County Code, if the County acquires information concerning the performance of the Contractor on this or other contracts which indicates that the Contractor is not responsible, the County may, in addition to other remedies provided in the contract, debar the Contractor from bidding or proposing on, or being awarded, and/or performing work on County contracts for a specified

period of time, which generally will not exceed five years but may exceed five years or be permanent if warranted by the circumstances, and terminate any or all existing contracts the Contractor may have with the County.

8.13.3 Non-responsible Contractor

The County may debar a Contractor if the Board of Supervisors finds, in its discretion, that the Contractor has done any of the following: (1) violated a term of a contract with the County or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, (2) committed an act or omission which negatively reflects on the Contractor's quality, fitness or capacity to perform a contract with the County, any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on same, (3) committed an act or offense which indicates a lack of business integrity or business honesty, or (4) made or submitted a false claim against the County or any other public entity.

8.13.4 Contractor Hearing Board

1. If there is evidence that the Contractor may be subject to debarment, the Department will notify the Contractor in writing of the evidence which is the basis for the proposed debarment and will advise the Contractor of the scheduled date for a debarment hearing before the Contractor Hearing Board.
2. The Contractor Hearing Board will conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed debarment is presented. The Contractor and/or the Contractor's representative shall be given an opportunity to submit evidence at that hearing. After the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall prepare a tentative

proposed decision, which shall contain a recommendation regarding whether the Contractor should be debarred, and, if so, the appropriate length of time of the debarment. The Contractor and the Department shall be provided an opportunity to object to the tentative proposed decision prior to its presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

3. After consideration of any objections, or if no objections are submitted, a record of the hearing, the proposed decision, and any other recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.
4. If a Contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five (5) years, that Contractor may after the debarment has been in effect for at least five (5) years, submit a written request for review of the debarment determination to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The County may, in its discretion, reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment if it finds that the Contractor has adequately demonstrated one or more of the following: (1) elimination of the grounds for which the debarment was imposed; (2) a bona fide change in ownership or management; (3) material evidence discovered after debarment was imposed; or (4) any other reason that is in the best interests of the County.
5. The Contractor Hearing Board will consider a request for review of a debarment determination only where (1)

the Contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five (5) years; (2) the debarment has been in effect for at least five (5) years; and (3) the request is in writing, states one or more of the grounds for reduction of the debarment period or termination of the debarment, and includes supporting documentation. Upon receiving an appropriate request, the Contractor Hearing Board will provide notice of the hearing on the request. At the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed reduction of debarment period or termination of debarment is presented. This hearing shall be conducted and the request for review decided by the Contractor Hearing Board pursuant to the same procedures as for a debarment hearing.

6. The Contractor Hearing Board's proposed decision shall contain a recommendation on the request to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The Contractor Hearing Board shall present its proposed decision and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.

8.13.5 Subcontractors of Contractor

These terms shall also apply to subcontractors of County Contractors.

8.14 INTENTIONALLY OMITTED

8.15 CONTRACTOR'S EXCLUSION FROM PARTICIPATING IN A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM

- 8.15.1 Contractor hereby warrants that neither it nor any of its staff members is restricted or excluded from providing services under any health care program funded by the Federal government, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, and that Contractor will notify Director within ten (10) calendar days in writing of: (1) any event that would require Contractor or a staff member's mandatory exclusion from participation in a Federally funded health care program; and (2) any exclusionary action taken by any agency of the Federal government against Contractor or one or more staff members barring it or the staff members from participating in a Federally funded health care program, whether such bar is direct or indirect, or whether such bar is in whole or in part.
- 8.15.2 Contractor shall indemnify and hold County harmless against any and all loss or damage County may suffer arising from any Federal exclusion of Contractor or its staff members from such participation in a Federally funded health care program.
- 8.15.3 Failure by Contractor to meet the requirements of this subparagraph shall constitute a material breach of contract upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.

8.16 CONTRACTOR'S WARRANTY OF ADHERENCE TO COUNTY'S CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

- 8.16.1 The Contractor acknowledges that the County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals who benefit financially from the County through contract are in compliance with their court-ordered child, family and spousal support obligations in order to mitigate the

economic burden otherwise imposed upon the County and its taxpayers.

- 8.16.2 As required by the County's Child Support Compliance Program (County Code Chapter 2.200) and without limiting the Contractor's duty under this Agreement to comply with all applicable provisions of law, the Contractor warrants that it is now in compliance and shall during the term of this Agreement maintain in compliance with employment and wage reporting requirements as required by the Federal Social Security Act (42 USC Section 653a) and California Unemployment Insurance Code Section 1088.5, and shall implement all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Withholding Orders or Child Support Services Department Notices of Wage and Earnings Assignment for Child, Family or Spousal Support, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 706.031 and Family Code Section 5246(b).

8.17 CONTRACTOR'S WARRANTY OF COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

- 8.17.1 Contractor acknowledges that County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals and businesses that benefit financially from County through contract are current in paying their property tax obligations (secured and unsecured roll) in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon County and its taxpayers.
- 8.17.2 Unless Contractor qualifies for an exemption or exclusion, Contractor warrants and certifies that to the best of its knowledge it is now in compliance, and during the term of this contract will maintain compliance, with Los Angeles Code Chapter 2.206.

8.18 COUNTY'S QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN

- 8.18.1 The County or its agent will evaluate the Contractor's performance under this Agreement on not less than an annual basis. Such evaluation will include assessing the Contractor's compliance with all Agreement terms and conditions and performance standards identified in the Statement of Work. Contractor deficiencies which the County determines are severe or continuing and that may place performance of the Agreement in jeopardy if not corrected will be reported to the Board of Supervisors.
- 8.18.2 The report will include improvement/corrective action measures taken by the County and the Contractor. If improvement does not occur consistent with the corrective action measures, the County may terminate this Agreement or impose other penalties as specified in this Agreement.

8.19 Intentionally Omitted

8.20 EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION

- 8.20.1 The Contractor warrants that it fully complies with all Federal and State statutes and regulations regarding the employment of aliens and others and that all its employees performing work under this Agreement meet the citizenship or alien status requirements set forth in Federal and State statutes and regulations. The Contractor shall obtain, from all employees performing work hereunder, all verification and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by Federal and State statutes and regulations including, but not limited to, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, (P.L. 99-603), or as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. The Contractor shall retain all such documentation for all covered employees for the period prescribed by law.
- 8.20.2 The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless,

the County, its agents, officers, and employees from employer sanctions and any other liability which may be assessed against the Contractor or the County or both in connection with any alleged violation of any Federal or State statutes or regulations pertaining to the eligibility for employment of any persons performing work under this Agreement.

8.21 FACSIMILE REPRESENTATIONS

The County and the Contractor hereby agree to regard facsimile representations of original signatures of authorized officers of each party, when appearing in appropriate places on the Amendments prepared pursuant to sub-paragraph 8.1, and received via communications facilities, as legally sufficient evidence that such original signatures have been affixed to Amendments to this Agreement, such that the parties need not follow up facsimile transmissions of such documents with subsequent (non-facsimile) transmission of "original" versions of such documents.

8.22 FAIR LABOR STANDARDS

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County and its agents, officers, and employees from any and all liability, including, but not limited to, wages, overtime pay, liquidated damages, penalties, court costs, and attorneys' fees arising under any wage and hour law, including, but not limited to, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, for work performed by the Contractor's employees for which the County may be found jointly or solely liable.

8.23 FEDERAL ACCESS TO RECORDS

If, and to the extent that, Section 1861(v)(1)(I) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1395x(v)(1)(I)) is applicable, Contractor agrees that for a period of five (5) years following the furnishing of

services under this Agreement, Contractor shall maintain and make available, upon written request, to the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services or the Controller General of the United States, or to any of their authorize representatives, the Agreements, books, documents and records of Contractor which are necessary to verify the nature and extent of the costs of services provided hereunder. Furthermore, if Contractor carries out any of the services provided hereunder through any subcontract with a value or cost of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) or more over a twelve (12) month period with a related organization (as that term is defined under Federal law), Contractor agrees that each such subcontract shall provide for such access to the subcontract, books, documents and records of the subcontractor.

8.24 CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE DURING CIVIL UNREST OR DISASTER

The Contractor recognizes that health care Facilities maintained by County provide care essential to the residents of the communities they serve, and that these services are of particular importance at the time of a riot, insurrection, civil unrest, natural disaster, or similar event. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, full performance by Contractor during any riot, insurrection, civil unrest, natural disaster or similar event is not excused if such performance remains physically possible. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be considered a material breach by Contractor for which County may immediately terminate this Agreement.

8.25 GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of California. The Contractor agrees and consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of California for all purposes regarding this Agreement and further

agrees and consents that venue of any action brought hereunder shall be exclusively in the County of Los Angeles.

8.26 HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996 (HIPAA) AND THE HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR ECONOMIC AND CLINICAL HEALTH ACT (HITECH)

8.26.1 The County is subject to the Administrative Simplification requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH). Under this Agreement, the Contractor provides services to the County and the Contractor receives, has access to, and/or creates Protected Health Information as defined in Exhibit H in order to provide those services. The County and the Contractor therefore agree to the terms of Exhibit H, Contractor's Obligations as a "Business Associate" Under Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH) (Business Associate Agreement).

8.27 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS

8.27.1 This Agreement is by and between the County and the Contractor and is not intended, and shall not be construed, to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture, or association, as between the County and the Contractor. The employees and agents of one party shall not be, or be construed to be, the employees or agents of the other party for any purpose whatsoever.

8.27.2 The Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for

providing to, or on behalf of, all persons performing work pursuant to this Agreement all compensation and benefits. The County shall have no liability or responsibility for the payment of any salaries, wages, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, Federal, State, or local taxes, or other compensation, benefits, or taxes for any personnel provided by or on behalf of the Contractor.

8.27.3 The Contractor understands and agrees that all persons performing work pursuant to this Agreement are, for purposes of Workers' Compensation liability, solely employees of the Contractor and not employees of the County. The Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for furnishing any and all Workers' Compensation benefits to any person as a result of any injuries arising from or connected with any work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement.

8.27.4 The Contractor shall adhere to the provisions stated in subparagraph 7.6 - Confidentiality.

8.28 INDEMNIFICATION

The Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all liability, including but not limited to demands, claims, actions, fees, costs, and expenses (including attorney and expert witness fees), arising from or connected with the Contractor's acts and/or omissions arising from and/or relating to this Agreement.

8.29 GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR ALL INSURANCE COVERAGE

Without limiting Contractor's indemnification of County, and in the performance of this Agreement and until all of its obligations pursuant to this Agreement have been met, Contractor shall

provide and maintain at its own expense insurance coverage satisfying the requirements specified in Sections 8.29 and 8.30 of this Agreement. These minimum insurance coverage terms, types and limits (the "Required Insurance") also are in addition to and separate from any other Contractual obligation imposed upon Contractor pursuant to this Agreement. The County in no way warrants that the Required Insurance is sufficient to protect the Contractor for liabilities which may arise from or relate to this Agreement.

8.29.1 Evidence of Coverage and Notice to County

- Certificate(s) of insurance coverage (Certificate) satisfactory to County, and a copy of an Additional Insured endorsement confirming County and its Agents (defined below) has been given Insured status under the Contractor's General Liability policy, shall be delivered to County at the address shown below and provided prior to commencing services under this Agreement.
- Renewal Certificates shall be provided to County not less than 10 days prior to Contractor's policy expiration dates. The County reserves the right to obtain complete, certified copies of any required Contractor and/or Sub-Contractor insurance policies at any time.
- Certificates shall identify all Required Insurance coverage types and limits specified herein, reference this Agreement by name or number, and be signed by an authorized representative of the insurer(s). The Insured party named on the Certificate shall match the name of the Contractor identified as the contracting party in this Agreement.

Certificates shall provide the full name of each insurer providing coverage, its NAIC (National Association of Insurance Commissioners) identification number, its financial rating, the amounts of any policy deductibles or self-insured retentions exceeding fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars, and list any County required endorsement forms.

- Neither the County's failure to obtain, nor the County's receipt of, or failure to object to a non-complying insurance certificate or endorsement, or any other insurance documentation or information provided by the Contractor, its insurance broker(s) and/or insurer(s), shall be construed as a waiver of any of the Required Insurance provisions.

Certificates and copies of any required endorsements shall be sent to:

County of Los Angeles
Department of Health Services
Contracts and Grants Division
313 N. Figueroa Street, 6E
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Attention: Kathy K. Hanks, C.P.M.
Director, Contract and Grants

And

County of Los Angeles
Department of Health Services
Centralized Contract Monitoring Division
5555 Ferguson Drive, Suite 210
Commerce, CA 90022

Contractor also shall promptly report to County any injury or property damage accident or incident, including any injury to a Contractor employee occurring on County property, and any loss, disappearance, destruction,

misuse, or theft of County property, monies or securities entrusted to Contractor. Contractor also shall promptly notify County of any third party claim or suit filed against Contractor or any of its Sub-Contractors which arises from or relates to this Agreement, and could result in the filing of a claim or lawsuit against Contractor and/or County.

8.29.2 Additional Insured Status and Scope of Coverage

The County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers (collectively County and its Agents) shall be provided additional insured status under Contractor's General Liability policy with respect to liability arising out of Contractor's ongoing and completed operations performed on behalf of the County. County and its Agents additional insured status shall apply with respect to liability and defense of suits arising out of the Contractor's acts or omissions, whether such liability is attributable to the Contractor or to the County. The full policy limits and scope of protection also shall apply to the County and its Agents as an additional insured, even if they exceed the County's minimum Required Insurance specifications herein. Use of an automatic additional insured endorsement form is acceptable providing it satisfies the Required Insurance provisions herein.

8.29.3 Cancellation of or Changes Insurance

Contractor shall provide County with, or Contractor's insurance policies shall contain a provision that County shall receive, written notice of cancellation or any change in Required Insurance, including insurer, limits of coverage, term of coverage or policy period. The written notice shall be provided to County at least ten (10) days in advance of

cancellation for non-payment of premium and thirty (30) days in advance for any other cancellation or policy change. Failure to provide written notice of cancellation or any change in Required Insurance may constitute a material breach of the Contract, in the sole discretion of the County, upon which the County may suspend or terminate this Contract.

8.29.4 Failure to Maintain Insurance

Contractor's failure to maintain or to provide acceptable evidence that it maintains the Required Insurance shall constitute a material breach of the Contract, upon which County immediately may withhold payments due to Contractor, and/or suspend or terminate this Contract. County, at its sole discretion, may obtain damages from Contractor resulting from said breach.

8.29.5 Insurer Financial Ratings

Coverage shall be placed with insurers acceptable to the County with A.M. Best ratings of not less than A:VII unless otherwise approved by County.

8.29.6 Contractor's Insurance Shall Be Primary

Contractor's insurance policies, with respect to any claims related to this Agreement, shall be primary with respect to all other sources of coverage available to Contractor. Any County maintained insurance or self-insurance coverage shall be in excess of and not contribute to any Contractor coverage.

8.29.7 Waivers of Subrogation

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor hereby waives its rights and its insurer(s)' rights of recovery against County under all the Required Insurance for any loss arising from or relating to this Agreement. The

Contractor shall require its insurers to execute any waiver of subrogation endorsements which may be necessary to effect such waiver.

8.29.8 Sub-Contractor Insurance Coverage Requirements

Contractor shall include all Sub-Contractors as insureds under Contractor's own policies, or shall provide County with each Sub-Contractor's separate evidence of insurance coverage. Contractor shall be responsible for verifying each Sub-Contractor complies with the Required Insurance provisions herein, and shall require that each Sub-Contractor name the County and Contractor as additional insureds on the Sub-Contractor's General Liability policy. Contractor shall obtain County's prior review and approval of any Sub-Contractor request for modification of the Required Insurance.

8.29.9 Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions (SIRs)

Contractor's policies shall not obligate the County to pay any portion of any Contractor deductible or SIR. The County retains the right to require Contractor to reduce or eliminate policy deductibles and SIRs as respects the County, or to provide a bond guaranteeing Contractor's payment of all deductibles and SIRs, including all related claims investigation, administration and defense expenses. Such bond shall be executed by a corporate surety licensed to transact business in the State of California.

8.29.10 Claims Made Coverage

If any part of the Required Insurance is written on a claims made basis, any policy retroactive date shall precede the effective date of this Agreement. Contractor understands and agrees it shall maintain such coverage for a period of

not less than three (3) years following Agreement expiration, termination or cancellation.

8.29.11 Application of Excess Liability Coverage

Contractors may use a combination of primary, and excess insurance policies which provide coverage as broad as (“follow form” over) the underlying primary policies, to satisfy the Required Insurance provisions.

8.29.12 Separation of Insureds

All liability policies shall provide cross-liability coverage as would be afforded by the standard ISO (Insurance Services Office, Inc.) separation of insureds provision with no insured versus insured exclusions or limitations.

8.29.13 Alternative Risk Financing Programs

The County reserves the right to review, and then approve, Contractor use of self-insurance, risk retention groups, risk purchasing groups, pooling arrangements and captive insurance to satisfy the Required Insurance provisions. The County and its Agents shall be designated as an Additional Covered Party under any approved program.

8.29.14 County Review and Approval of Insurance Requirements

The County reserves the right to review and adjust the Required Insurance provisions, conditioned upon County’s determination of changes in risk exposures.

8.30 INSURANCE COVERAGE

8.30.1 Commercial General Liability insurance (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form CG 00 01), naming County and its Agents as an additional insured, with limits of not less than:

General Aggregate: \$2 million

Products/Completed Operations Aggregate: \$1 million

Personal and Advertising Injury: \$1 million
Each Occurrence: \$1 million

8.30.3 Workers Compensation and Employers' Liability

Insurance or qualified self-insurance satisfying statutory requirements, which includes Employers' Liability coverage with limits of not less than \$1 million per accident. If Contractor will provide leased employees, or, is an employee leasing or temporary staffing firm or a professional employer organization (PEO), coverage also shall include an Alternate Employer Endorsement (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form WC 00 03 01 A) naming the County as the Alternate Employer, and the endorsement form shall be modified to provide that County will receive not less than thirty (30) days advance written notice of cancellation of this coverage provision. If applicable to Contractor's operations, coverage also shall be arranged to satisfy the requirements of any federal workers or workmen's compensation law or any federal occupational disease law.

8.30.4 Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions

Insurance covering Contractor's liability arising from or related to this Agreement, with limits of not less than \$1 million per claim and \$2 million aggregate. Further, Contractor understands and agrees it shall maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three (3) years following this Agreement's expiration, termination or cancellation.

8.31 LICENSES, PERMITS, REGISTRATIONS, ACCREDITATIONS, AND CERTIFICATES

Contractor shall obtain and maintain in effect during the term of this Agreement, all valid licenses, permits, registrations, accreditations,

and certificates required by law which are applicable to its performance of this Agreement, and shall ensure that all of its officers, employees, and agents who perform services hereunder obtain and maintain in effect during the term of this Agreement, all licenses, permits, registrations, accreditations, and certificates required by law which are applicable to their performance of services hereunder. All such licenses, permits, registrations, accreditations, and certifications relating to services hereunder shall be made available to County upon request.

8.32 INTENTIONALLY OMITTED

8.33 MOST FAVORED PUBLIC ENTITY

If the Contractor's prices decline, or should the Contractor at any time during the term of this Agreement provide the same goods or services under similar quantity and delivery conditions to the State of California or any county, municipality, or district of the State at prices below those set forth in this Agreement, then such lower prices shall be immediately extended to the County

8.34 NON EXCLUSIVITY

Nothing herein is intended nor shall be construed as creating any exclusive arrangement with the Contractor. This Agreement shall not restrict the Department of Health Services from acquiring similar, equal or like goods and/or services from other entities or sources.

8.35 NOTICE OF DELAYS

Except as otherwise provided under this Agreement, when either party has knowledge that any actual or potential situation is delaying or threatens to delay the timely performance of this Agreement, that party shall, within one (1) business day, give notice thereof, including all relevant information with respect thereto, to the other party.

8.36 NOTICE OF DISPUTES

The Contractor shall bring to the attention of the Facility's Project Manager and/or Facility's Project Director any dispute between the County and the Contractor regarding the performance of services as stated in this Agreement. If the Facility's Project Manager or Facility's Project Director is not able to resolve the dispute, the Director or his/her designee shall resolve it.

8.37 NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE FEDERAL EARNED INCOME CREDIT

The Contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the federal income tax laws. Such notice shall be provided in accordance with the requirements set forth in Internal Revenue Service Notice No. 1015.

8.38 INTENTIONALLY OMITTED

8.39 NOTICES

8.39.1 All notices or demands required or permitted to be given or made under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be hand delivered with signed receipt or mailed by first-class registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties as identified in Exhibits D - County's Administration and E - Contractor's Administration. Addresses may be changed by either party giving ten (10) days' prior written notice thereof to the other party.

8.39.2 **Electronic Notice:** In addition, and in lieu of written notification, the Director, or his/her designee, shall have the authority to issue any notice to Contractor electronically via e-mail at the designated email address as identified in Exhibit E – Contractor's Administration. This includes all notices or demands required or permitted by the County under this Agreement.

8.40 PROHIBITION AGAINST INDUCEMENT OR PERSUASION

Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor and the County agree that, during the term of this Agreement and for a period of one year thereafter, neither party shall in any way intentionally induce or persuade any employee of one party to become an employee or agent of the other party. No bar exists against any hiring action initiated through a public announcement.

8.41 PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

8.41.1 Any documents submitted by the Contractor; all information obtained in connection with the County's right to audit and inspect the Contractor's documents, books, and accounting records pursuant to sub-paragraph 8.43 - Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement of this Agreement; as well as any documents that may have been submitted in response to a solicitation process for this Agreement, become the exclusive property of the County. All such documents become a matter of public record and shall be regarded as public records. Exceptions will be those elements in the California Government Code Section 6250 et seq. (Public Records Act) and which are marked "trade secret", "confidential", or "proprietary". The County shall not in any way be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such records including, without limitation, those so marked, if disclosure is required by law, or by an order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

8.41.2 In the event the County is required to defend an action on a Public Records Act request for any of the aforementioned documents, information, books, records, and/or contents of a proposal marked "trade secret", "confidential", or "proprietary", the Contractor agrees to defend and indemnify the County from all costs and expenses, including

reasonable attorney's fees, in action or liability arising under the Public Records Act.

8.42 PUBLICITY

8.42.1 The Contractor shall not disclose any details in connection with this Agreement to any person or entity except as may be otherwise provided hereunder or required by law. However, in recognizing the Contractor's need to identify its services and related clients to sustain itself, the County shall not inhibit the Contractor from publishing its role under this Agreement within the following conditions:

- The Contractor shall develop all publicity material in a professional manner; and
- During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall not, and shall not authorize another to, publish or disseminate any commercial advertisements, press releases, feature articles, or other materials using the name of the County without the prior written consent of the Director or his/her designee. The County shall not unreasonably withhold written consent.

8.42.2 The Contractor may, without the prior written consent of County, indicate in its proposals and sales materials that it has been awarded this Agreement with the County of Los Angeles, provided that the requirements of this subparagraph 8.42 shall apply.

8.43 RECORD RETENTION AND INSPECTION/AUDIT SETTLEMENT

8.43.1 The Contractor shall maintain, and provide upon request by County, accurate and complete financial records of its activities and operations relating to this Agreement in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Contractor shall also maintain accurate and complete

employment and other records relating to its performance of this Agreement.

8.43.2 The Contractor agrees that the County, or its authorized representatives, shall have access to and the right to examine, audit, excerpt, copy, or transcribe any pertinent transaction, activity, or record relating to this Agreement. All such material, including, but not limited to, all financial records, bank statements, cancelled checks or other proof of payment, timecards, sign-in/sign-out sheets and other time and employment records, and proprietary data and information, shall be kept and maintained by the Contractor and shall be made available to the County during the term of this Agreement and for a period of five (5) years thereafter unless the County's written permission is given to dispose of any such material prior to such time. All such material shall be maintained by the Contractor at a location in Los Angeles County, provided that if any such material is located outside Los Angeles County, then, at the County's option, the Contractor shall pay the County for travel, per diem, and other costs incurred by the County to examine, audit, excerpt, copy, or transcribe such material at such other location.

8.43.3 In the event that an audit of the Contractor is conducted specifically regarding this Agreement by any Federal or State auditor, or by any auditor or accountant employed by the Contractor or otherwise, including audits conducted by the Medicare and Medi-Cal programs, or both, then the Contractor shall file a copy of each such audit report, including Statement of Auditing Standards No. 70 Type 2 Reports, with the County's Auditor-Controller within thirty (30) days of the Contractor's receipt thereof, unless

otherwise provided by applicable Federal or State law or under this Agreement. Subject to applicable law, the County shall make a reasonable effort to maintain the confidentiality of such audit report(s).

8.43.4 Failure on the part of the Contractor to comply with any of the provisions of this sub-paragraph 8.43 shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which the County may terminate or suspend this Agreement.

8.43.5 If, at any time during the term of this Agreement or within five (5) years after the expiration or termination of this Agreement, representatives of the County conduct an audit of the Contractor regarding the work performed under this Agreement, and if such audit finds that the County's dollar liability for any such work is less than payments made by the County to the Contractor, then the difference shall be either: a) repaid by the Contractor to the County by cash payment upon demand or b) at the sole option of the County's Auditor-Controller, deducted from any amounts due to the Contractor from the County, whether under this Agreement or otherwise. If such audit finds that the County's dollar liability for such work is more than the payments made by the County to the Contractor, then the difference shall be paid to the Contractor by the County by cash payment, provided that in no event shall the County's maximum obligation for this Agreement exceed the funds appropriated by the County for the purpose of this Agreement.

8.44 RECYCLED BOND PAPER

Consistent with the Board of Supervisors' policy to reduce the amount of solid waste deposited at the County landfills, the

Contractor agrees to use recycled-content paper to the maximum extent possible on this Agreement.

8.45 RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING

If any Federal funds are to be used to pay for Contractor's services under this Agreement, Contractor shall fully comply with all certification and disclosure requirements prescribed by Section 319 of Public Law 101-121 (31 United States Code Section 1352) and any implementing regulations, and shall ensure that each of its subcontractors receiving funds provided under this Agreement also fully complies with all such certification and disclosure requirements.

8.46 SUBCONTRACTING

8.46.1 The requirements of this Agreement may not be subcontracted by the Contractor **without the advance approval of the County**. Any attempt by the Contractor to subcontract without the prior consent of the County may be deemed a material breach of this Agreement.

8.46.2 If the Contractor desires to subcontract, the Contractor shall provide the following information promptly at the County's request:

- A description of the work to be performed by the subcontractor;
- A draft copy of the proposed subcontract; and
- Other pertinent information and/or certifications requested by the County.

8.46.3 The Contractor shall indemnify and hold the County harmless with respect to the activities of each and every subcontractor in the same manner and to the same degree as if such subcontractor(s) were the Contractor employees.

8.46.4 The Contractor shall remain fully responsible for all performances required of it under this Agreement, including

those that the Contractor has determined to subcontract, notwithstanding the County's approval of the Contractor's proposed subcontract.

- 8.46.5 The County's consent to subcontract shall not waive the County's right to prior and continuing approval of any and all personnel, including subcontractor employees, providing services under this Agreement. The Contractor is responsible to notify its subcontractors of this County right.
- 8.46.6 The Director or his/her designee is authorized to act for and on behalf of the County with respect to approval of any subcontract and subcontractor employees. After approval of the subcontract by the County, Contractor shall forward a fully executed subcontract to the County for their files.
- 8.46.7 The Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for all payments or other compensation to all subcontractors and their officers, employees, agents, and successors in interest arising through services performed hereunder, notwithstanding the County's consent to subcontract.
- 8.46.8 The Contractor shall obtain certificates of insurance, which establish that the subcontractor maintains all the programs of insurance required by the County from each approved subcontractor. The Contractor shall ensure delivery of all such documents to:

County of Los Angeles
Department of Health Services
Contracts and Grants Division
313 N. Figueroa Street – 6E
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Attention: Kathy K. Hanks, C.P.M.
Director, Contract Administration & Monitoring

before any subcontractor employee may perform any work hereunder.

8.47 TERMINATION FOR BREACH OF WARRANTY TO MAINTAIN

COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

Failure of the Contractor to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in sub-paragraph 8.16 - Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program, shall constitute default under this Agreement. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to the County under any other provision of this Agreement, failure of the Contractor to cure such default within ninety (90) calendar days of written notice shall be grounds upon which the County may terminate this Agreement pursuant to sub-paragraph 8.50 - Termination for Default and pursue debarment of the Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.202.

8.48 TERMINATION FOR BREACH OF WARRANTY TO MAINTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

Failure of Contractor to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in sub-paragraph 8.17 - Contractor's Warranty of Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program shall constitute default under this Agreement. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to County under any other provision of this Agreement, failure of Contractor to cure such default within 10 days of notice shall be grounds upon which County may terminate this Agreement and/or pursue debarment of Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.206.

8.49 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

8.49.1 This Agreement may be terminated, in whole or in part, from time to time, when such action is deemed by the County, in its sole discretion, to be in its best interest. Termination of work hereunder shall be effected by notice of termination to the Contractor specifying the extent to which performance of

work is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. The date upon which such termination becomes effective shall be no less than ninety (90) days after the notice is sent.

8.49.2 After receipt of a notice of termination and except as otherwise directed by the County, the Contractor shall:

- Stop work under this Agreement on the date and to the extent specified in such notice, and
- Complete performance of such part of the work as shall not have been terminated by such notice.

8.49.3 All material including books, records, documents, or other evidence bearing on the costs and expenses of the Contractor under this Agreement shall be maintained by the Contractor in accordance with sub-paragraph 8.43, Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement.

8.50 TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

8.50.1 The County may, by written notice to the Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this Agreement, if, in the judgment of the Director or his/her designee.

- Contractor has materially breached this Agreement; or
- Contractor fails to timely provide and/or satisfactorily perform any task, deliverable, service, or other work required either under this Agreement; or
- Contractor fails to demonstrate a high probability of timely fulfillment of performance requirements under this Agreement, or of any obligations of this Agreement and in either case, fails to demonstrate convincing progress toward a cure within five (5) working days (or such longer period as the County may authorize in writing) after receipt of written notice from the County specifying such failure.

- 8.50.2 In the event that the County terminates this Agreement in whole or in part as provided in sub-paragraph 8.50.1, the County may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as the County may deem appropriate, goods and services similar to those so terminated. The Contractor shall be liable to the County for any and all excess costs incurred by the County, as determined by the County, for such similar goods and services. The Contractor shall continue the performance of this Agreement to the extent not terminated under the provisions of this sub-paragraph.
- 8.50.3 Except with respect to defaults of any subcontractor, the Contractor shall not be liable for any such excess costs of the type identified in sub-paragraph 8.50.2 if its failure to perform this Agreement arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Such causes may include, but are not limited to: acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of the County in either its sovereign or Contractual capacity, acts of Federal or State governments in their sovereign capacities, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather; but in every case, the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor, and if such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both the Contractor and subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either of them, the Contractor shall not be liable for any such excess costs for failure to perform, unless the goods or services to be furnished by the subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the Contractor to meet

the required performance schedule. As used in this sub-paragraph, the term "subcontractor(s)" means subcontractor(s) at any tier.

8.50.4 If, after the County has given notice of termination under the provisions of this sub-paragraph 8.50, it is determined by the County that the Contractor was not in default under the provisions of this sub-paragraph 8.50, or that the default was excusable under the provisions of sub-paragraph 8.50.3, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to sub-paragraph 8.49 - Termination for Convenience.

8.50.5 The rights and remedies of the County provided in this sub-paragraph 8.50 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

8.51 TERMINATION FOR IMPROPER CONSIDERATION

8.51.1 The County may, by written notice to the Contractor, immediately terminate the right of the Contractor to proceed under this Agreement if it is found that consideration, in any form, was offered or given by the Contractor, either directly or through an intermediary, to any County officer, employee, or agent with the intent of securing this Agreement or securing favorable treatment with respect to the award, amendment, or extension of this Agreement or the making of any determinations with respect to the Contractor's performance pursuant to this Agreement. In the event of such termination, the County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against the Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by the Contractor.

- 8.51.2 The Contractor shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer or employee to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made either to the County manager charged with the supervision of the employee or to the County Fraud Hotline at (800) 544-6861 or www.lacountyfraud.org.
- 8.51.3 Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash, discounts, service, the provision of travel or entertainment, or tangible gifts.

8.52 TERMINATION FOR INSOLVENCY

- 8.52.1 The County may terminate this Agreement forthwith in the event of the occurrence of any of the following:
- Insolvency of the Contractor. The Contractor shall be deemed to be insolvent if it has ceased to pay its debts for at least sixty (60) days in the ordinary course of business or cannot pay its debts as they become due, whether or not a petition has been filed under the Federal Bankruptcy Code and whether or not the Contractor is insolvent within the meaning of the Federal Bankruptcy Code;
 - The filing of a voluntary or involuntary petition regarding the Contractor under the Federal Bankruptcy Code;
 - The appointment of a Receiver or Trustee for the Contractor; or
 - The execution by the Contractor of a general assignment for the benefit of creditors.
- 8.52.2 The rights and remedies of the County provided in this subparagraph 8.52 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

8.53 TERMINATION FOR NON-ADHERENCE OF COUNTY LOBBYIST ORDINANCE

The Contractor, and each County Lobbyist or County Lobbying firm as defined in County Code Section 2.160.010 retained by the Contractor, shall fully comply with the County's Lobbyist Ordinance, County Code Chapter 2.160. Failure on the part of the Contractor or any County Lobbyist or County Lobbying firm retained by the Contractor to fully comply with the County's Lobbyist Ordinance shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement, upon which the County may in its sole discretion, immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.

8.54 TERMINATION FOR NON-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the County shall not be obligated for the Contractor's performance hereunder or by any provision of this Agreement during any of the County's future fiscal years unless and until the County's Board of Supervisors appropriates funds for this Agreement in the County's Budget for each such future fiscal year. In the event that funds are not appropriated for this Agreement, then this Agreement shall terminate as of June 30 of the last fiscal year for which funds were appropriated. The County shall notify the Contractor in writing of any such non-allocation of funds at the earliest possible date.

8.55 UNLAWFUL SOLICITATION

Contractor shall inform all of its officers and employees performing services hereunder of the provisions of Article 9 of Chapter 4 of Division 3 (commencing with section 6150) of Business and Professions Code of the State of California (i.e. State Bar Act provisions regarding unlawful solicitation as a runner or capper for attorneys) and shall take positive and affirmative steps in its performance hereunder to ensure that there is no violation of said provisions by its officers and employees. Contractor agrees that if a

patient requests assistance in obtaining the services of any attorney, it will refer the patient to the attorney referral service of all those bar associations within Los Angeles County that have such a service.

8.56 VALIDITY

If any provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Agreement and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

8.57 WAIVER

No waiver by the County of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any other breach or of such provision. Failure of the County to enforce at any time, or from time to time, any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver thereof. The rights and remedies set forth in this subparagraph 8.57 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

8.58 WARRANTY AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

8.58.1 The Contractor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Agreement upon any agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the Contractor for the purpose of securing business.

8.58.2 For breach of this warranty, the County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement and, at its sole discretion, deduct from the Agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

9.0 UNIQUE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

9.1 NO INTENT TO CREATE A THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY CONTRACT

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the parties do not in any way intend that any person shall acquire any rights as a third party beneficiary of this Agreement.

9.2 REPORTING OF CHILD/ELDER AND DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE

9.2.1 Contractor staff working on this Agreement shall comply with California Penal Code (hereinafter "PC") Section 11164 et seq. and shall report all known and suspected instances of child abuse to an appropriate child protective agency, as mandated by these code sections. Child abuse reports shall be made by telephone to the Department of Children and Family Services hotline at (800) 540-4000 within three (3) business days and shall submit all required information, in accordance with the PC Sections 11166 and 11167.

9.2.2 Contractor staff working on this Agreement shall comply with California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC), Section 15600 et seq. and shall report all known or suspected instances of physical abuse of elders and dependent adults either to an appropriate County adult protective services agency or to a local law enforcement agency, as mandated by these code sections. The Contractor staff working on this Agreement shall make the report on such abuse, and shall submit all required information, in accordance with the WIC Sections 15630, 15633 and 15633.5.

9.2.3 Contractor staff's failure to report as required is considered a breach of this Agreement subject to immediate

termination and is also a misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in jail, a fine of up to \$5,000 or both.

9.3 CONTRACTOR'S CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COMPLIANCE

The Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act regulates entities receiving or raising charitable contributions. The "Nonprofit Integrity Act of 2004" (SB 1262, Chapter 919) increased Charitable Purposes Act requirements. By requiring Contractors to complete the Charitable Contributions Certification, Exhibit I, the County seeks to ensure that all County Contractors which receive or raise charitable contributions comply with California law in order to protect the County and its taxpayers. A Contractor which receives or raises charitable contributions without complying with its obligations under California law commits a material breach subjecting it to either contract termination or debarment proceedings or both. (County Code Chapter 2.202)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Agreement to be executed by its Director of Health Services, and Contractor has caused this Agreement to be executed in its behalf by its duly authorized officer, the day, month and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.

Director of Health Services

CONTRACTOR

ALERT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By _____
Signature

Printed Name

Title

APPROVED AS TO FORM
BY THE OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY COUNSEL

EXHIBIT A

TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION SUPPORT SERVICES

STATEMENT OF WORK

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TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION SUPPORT SERVICES STATEMENT OF WORK (SOW)

The Ambulatory Care Network - Managed Care Services operates a call center during normal business hours providing patients the ability to communicate with a live person, in their primary language, for inquiries regarding their eligibility status, primary care provider/clinic site, warm transfer to the Nurse Advise Line should the call be misdirected and other general information. In addition, emergency care providers/hospitals are able to verify enrollee eligibility and obtain 24-hour authorizations for out-of-network emergency services/admissions. The Agreement with Alert ensures the availability of TCSS during the time periods where County does not have the man-power to provide TCSS, i.e., after-hours (5pm-8am), weekends, holidays and secondary overflow coverage during business hours, for high call volume demand periods.

1.0 TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION SUPPORT SERVICES SCOPE OF SERVICES

1. Provide telephone answering services for inbound calls supporting assigned toll free numbers, for the Department of Health Services / Ambulatory Care Network - Managed Care Services and Healthy Way LA Program enrollees hereafter identified as "ACN-MCS/HWLA".
2. Abide by the established procedures and the standards set forth, as revised from time to time by the ACN-MCS/HWLA Medical Director/Administration to ensure compliance with State and Federal

regulations. Contractor will be notified of any required changes and will be provided a copy of the revised procedure(s). Contractor will be provided with a copy of the appropriate policy and procedures for 24-hour telephone support services, as well as, a detailed list of ACN-MCS/HWLA affiliated providers to whom calls should be transferred.

3. County shall secure and provide access to contracted vendors to maintain sufficient interpreter services in the event the language spoken by the caller is one other than English/Spanish.

1.1 DETAILED PROCESS

Contractor is required to answer calls and 1) resolve caller inquiries 2) transfer caller to ACN-MCS/HWLA Nurse Advice Line or appropriate ACN-MCS/HWLA health care provider; or 3) redirect caller to HWLA member services as outlined in the call routing matrix, Attachment A, Statement of Work, 4) assist with provider transfer requests and edit Patient Management System (PMS) accordingly, and 4) provide on an overflow basis, 24 hour eligibility verification and authorizations to providers for out of network ER services at private hospitals. The appropriate course of action to be taken by the Contractor will be determined from the information obtained from the caller and by the classification of the caller's inquiry as listed below. All callers identifying themselves as HWLA members will be treated as eligible whether or not they appear in the database.

General Procedure:

The Contractor in performing the telephone answering support services for the Ambulatory Care Network Managed Care Services will conduct the following procedures:

1. Answer phone within 30 seconds for HWLA members
2. Identify Program Greet caller
3. Record on an electronic log and automatic call distributor telephone system the following information:
 - a. Caller's:
 - i. Name
 - ii. Phone #
 - iii. Date and time of call
 - b. Call Reason Code
 - c. Member's:
 - i. Members ID # or CIN#
 - ii. Date of Birth
 - iii. Program Identification #
 - d. Comments/Special Instructions
 - e. Line of Business
 - f. Call start time
 - g. Call end time

If the nature of the call is related to one of the classifications of calls listed below, the Contractor will refer to the procedure of the same description as identified in the ACN-

MCS/HWLA policy and procedure manual; otherwise, redirect call to ACN-MCS/HWLA Member Services during normal business hours and include in the policy and procedure manual

1. Member Eligibility
2. Service Authorization
3. Provider Assignment
4. Provider Re-assignment request
5. Medical Advice
6. Emergent Situation

In order to ensure, excellent customer service and satisfaction, Contractor shall ensure that all calls related to members and providers are answered within the following timeframes:

Members:

- Average Speed to Answer shall be within 30 seconds for 85% of the calls, and shall not exceed 10 minutes for all calls.
- Abandonment rate shall not exceed 5% or less
- Average Talk Time shall be 3-5 minutes or less.

Providers:

- Average Speed to Answer shall be within 45 seconds for 80% of the calls.
- Abandonment rate shall be less than 5%.
- Average Talk Time shall be 3-5 minutes or less.

1.2 OPERATIONAL CAPACITY REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor must have the following capabilities and resources available in the performance of the services previously described:

- A supervisory or administrative staff person available to meet with the ACN-MCS/HWLA staff a minimum of once per month who has the authority to implement new or revised procedures.
- Spanish/English bilingual staff available at all times to respond to Spanish language callers 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. Other language interpreters available as needed at a moments notice.
- A telephone system capable of identifying the status and disposition of all calls made to the Contractor regarding calls related to ACN-MCS/HWLA including length of time of call; talk time, abandonment rate and length of time in the queue.
- An 85% success rate in answering calls within 30 seconds, which shall be reflected in a monthly report to the ACN-MCS/HWLA.
- An archive of telephone answering services log and messages stored at a location in Southern California for a minimum of seven (7) years.
- Minimize caller waiting time on hold with no caller on hold more than forty five (45) seconds for 85% of the calls for members and 80% of the calls for providers from the point that the call is answered.
- Access to Programs contracted vendor interpreter service or similar interpreter services.

1.3 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Contractor shall provide and maintain all hardware, software, communication devices, data lines, and telephone lines necessary to access the County's managed care system to retrieve member eligibility information and provider information at the Contractor's site. The current system configuration available at County site for allowing access is either via a leased line using a Channel Service Unit/Data Service Unit (CSU/DSU), multiplexer or a dial-up line using a modem.

Contractor shall update and maintain member eligibility files and provider network files as provided by County on a monthly, or as needed, basis for all ACN-MCS/HWLA at Contractor's site as a back-up in the event electronic access to County's managed care system is down and include the Contractor's contingency plan. Provide a copy of the contingency plan upon request and notify ACN-MCS/HWLA Member Services.

Contractor shall generate and maintain paper copies of member eligibility rosters and provider rosters on a monthly, or as needed basis for all ACN-MCS/HWLA in the event electronic access to systems and files are down.

Contractor will receive at minimum eight (8) hours of training from the Ambulatory Care Network /Information System Department on use of the Department's Patient Management System (PMS).

Contractor will provide immediate notification at the time IT hardware/software problems are identified that affect 24-hour telephone answering service and

follow-up with a written report of incident and corrective action, including contingency plans to provide 24-hour telephone answering service.

1.4 REPORTING

The ACN-MCS/HWLA requires that the Contractor produce, on a daily, weekly and/or monthly basis the below listed reports, via e-mail or hard copy as mutually agreed upon by County and Contractor. Additionally, the ACN-MCS/HWLA reserves the option to request additional reports to be defined and in an agreed upon format, with prior written request for such reports submitted to the Contractor within ten (10) business days for review and approval. Reports shall be specific to the membership assignment and/or product line, and shall reflect data separately.

The reports include, but are not limited to, as follows:

1. A monthly report listing the member's name, date(s) and time(s) of accessing service, reason for accessing service, and distribution of calls. The report will include a listing of members accessing the answering services more than one time in any given month, the reason for accessing the answering service and the total number of times service was accessed by a member. Monthly report due by the 10th of each month following the month being reported.

2. A telephone answering service log in electronic format will be completed daily and submitted to ACN-MCS/HWLA no later than noon of the next business day.
3. A monthly report (due on the 10th day of the month following the month being reported) to demonstrate the Contractor's 85% success rate in answering phones within 30 seconds for HWLA members and 85% average speed to answer within 30 seconds of calls. Also report on average wait time, talk time, abandoned calls, and abandonment rate.
4. A daily detailed Disposition Report identifying at minimum, the call type, call date, call received time, member's name, hospital, date of birth, product line, source of call, phone number, reason for call, call disposition, and comments.
5. Data files for any of the above deemed necessary.

2.0 QUALITY CONTROL

The Contractor shall establish and utilize a comprehensive Quality Control Plan to assure the County a consistently high level of service throughout the term of the Contract. The Plan shall be submitted to the County Contract Project Monitor for review. The plan shall include, but may not be limited to the following:

- Method of monitoring to ensure that Contract requirements are being met;
- A record of all inspections conducted by the Contractor, any corrective action taken, the time a problem was first identified, a clear description of

the problem, and the time elapsed between identification and completed corrective action, shall be provided to the County upon request.

- Method for determining professional staff providing services under Agreement is qualified.
- Provide staffing level plan including steps for anticipated number of calls as well as fluctuations that may occur.

3.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN

The County will evaluate the Contractor's performance under this Contract using the quality assurance procedures as defined in this Contract, Paragraph 8, Standard Terms and Conditions, Sub-paragraph 8.15, County's Quality Assurance Plan.

3.1 Meetings

Contractor is required to attend scheduled monthly and/or as necessary meetings, as scheduled by County.

3.2 Contract Discrepancy Report

Verbal notification of a Contract discrepancy will be made to the Contract Project Monitor as soon as possible whenever a Contract discrepancy is identified. The problem shall be resolved within a time period mutually agreed upon by the County and the Contractor.

The County Contract Project Monitor will determine whether a formal Contract Discrepancy Report shall be issued. Upon receipt of this document, the Contractor is required to respond in writing to the County Contract Project Monitor within five (5) workdays, acknowledging the reported discrepancies or presenting contrary evidence. A plan for correction of all deficiencies identified in the Contract Discrepancy Report shall be submitted to the County Contract Project Monitor within ten (10) workdays.

3.3 County Observations

In addition to departmental contracting staff, other County personnel may observe performance, activities, and review documents relevant to this Contract at any time during normal business hours. However, these personnel may not unreasonably interfere with the Contractor's performance.

4.0 DEFINITIONS

1. ***Abandoned Call*** – The caller hangs up before reaching an agent.
2. ***Abandonment Rate*** – Average of abandoned calls by all agents.
3. ***Agent*** – The person who handles incoming and outgoing calls.
4. ***Automatic Call Distributor (ACD)*** – The specialized and programmable telephone system that automatically answers calls, queues calls,

distributes calls to agents, plays delay announcements to callers and provides real-time and historical reports on these activities.

5. **Average Speed to Answer (ASA)** – Average wait time divided by total number of Calls.
6. **Average Wait Time (AWT)** - Average delay of all calls that are delayed divided by the number of calls that had to wait in queue.
7. **Queue** – A data structure which holds callers until an agent becomes available.
8. **Talk Time** – The time an agent spends with a caller during a transaction. Includes everything from “hello” to “good-bye.”

5.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

The County’s and the Contractor’s responsibilities are as follows:

5.1 COUNTY

A. Personnel

The County will administer the Contract according to the Contract, Paragraph 6.0, and “Administration of Contract – County”. Specific duties will include:

1. Providing a full-time Project Manager or designated alternate. Contractor must have access to the Project Manager/alternate during all hours, 365 days per year. Contractor shall provide a telephone number where the

Project Manager/alternate may be reached on a twenty-four (24) hour per day basis.

2. Monitoring the Contractor's performance in the daily operation of this Contract.
3. Providing direction to the Contractor in areas relating to policy, information and procedural requirements.
4. Preparing Amendments in accordance with the Contract, Paragraph 8.0, Standard Terms and Conditions, Sub-paragraph 8.1 Amendments.

5.2 CONTRACTOR

A. Project Manager

1. Contractor shall provide a full-time Project Manager or designated alternate. County must have access to the Project Manager/alternate during all hours, 365 days per year. Contractor shall provide a telephone number where the Project Manager/alternate may be reached on a twenty-four (24) hour per day basis.
2. Project Manager/alternate shall act as a central point of contact with the County.
3. Project Manager/alternate shall have 3-5 years of experience.
4. Project Manager/alternate shall have full authority to act for Contractor on all matters relating to the daily operation of the

Contract. Project Manager/alternate shall be able to effectively communicate, in English, both orally and in writing.

B. Personnel

A. Contractor shall assign a sufficient number of employees to perform the required work. At least five employees on site shall be Spanish bilingual staff available at all times and designated to respond to Spanish speaking-callers twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

B. Contractor shall be required to background check their employees as set forth in sub-paragraph 7.5 – Background & Security Investigations, of the Contract.

C. Materials and Equipment

The purchase of all materials/equipment to provide the needed services is the responsibility of the Contractor.

Contractor shall use materials and equipment that is safe for the environment and safe for use by the employee.

D. Training

Contractor shall provide training programs for all new employees and continuing in-service training for all employees and provide training manuals and related materials available for review upon request. Contractor shall maintain sign-in sheets or roster of staff trained.

E. Contractor's Office

The office shall be staffed with call center agents' 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days of the year.

For the provision of the required services, the County prohibits outsourcing services outside of the United States.

In the event Contractor's office is re-located, Contractor shall provide County with ninety days (90) written prior notice, of such re-location.

6.0 HOURS/DAY OF WORK

Contractor shall perform telephone answering services 24-hours a day, 7-days a week, 365 days per year, including all County-recognized holidays. The County-recognized holidays are:

New Year's Day	Columbus Day
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Veteran's Day
President's Day	Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day	Friday following Thanksgiving Day
Independence Day	Christmas Day
Labor Day	

7.0 WORK SCHEDULES

1. Contractor shall submit for review and approval a work schedule ensuring adequate bilingual staff (English and Spanish) is available.
2. Contractor shall submit revised schedules when actual performance differs substantially from planned performance. Said revisions shall be submitted

to the County Project Manager for review and approval within five (5) working days prior to scheduled time for work.

3. County shall notify Contractor within three (3) business days when high volume demand calls is anticipated, or as soon as possible when an unforeseeable event occurs.

8.0 UNSCHEDULED WORK

The County Project Manager or his designee may authorize the Contractor to perform unscheduled work, including, but not limited to, increase in workload when the need for such work arises out of extraordinary incidents such as vandalism, acts of God, and third party negligence; or to add to, or modify new product lines and/or members.

CALL ROUTING MATRIX

	RESOLVE Contractor	TRANSFER ACNMCS	REDIRECT ACNMCS Member Services
Member Eligibility Inquiry	X		X
---Exception: Overflow calls during business hours			
Service Authorization Request	X	X	
---Exception: Overflow call during business hours			
Provider Assignment Inquiry	X		X
Provider Transfer Request			
Grievance Inquiry			X
Medical Advice Inquiry		X	
Emergent Situation		X	
Other Requests/Inquiries			X

BILLING AND PAYMENT**PRICING SCHEDULE**

County shall compensate Contractor for telephone communication support services to ensure continuity of 24/7 access to HWLA Program enrollees at the rate set forth and shall be the sole consideration paid to Contractor in accordance with the procedures described below.

1. **BILLING:** Contractor shall bill County in arrears for each month during the term of the Agreement. All billing statements shall clearly state and provide reasonable detail of the services for which claim is made. Billing statements that be itemized and all-inclusive of the billing cycle and shall reference the Agreement number.

A. Contractor shall bill County for live agent call processing services at that rates associated with the commitment level as follows:

Commitment Level/Monthly Base Rate	\$10,500
Base Number of Calls	7,500
Rate Per Call Above Base	\$1.70

B. Contractor shall bill County Eighty-Five Cents (\$0.85) for all outbound calls initiated by Contractor on behalf of County.

C. Contractor shall bill County on a monthly basis two-percent (2%) above total invoice costs for requested reports as mutually agreed upon by Contractor and County, monthly data exchange, and administrative services as required during the provision of services.

D. Contractor shall use County provided interpreter services for translating calls that require languages other than English or Spanish and shall bill County Fifteen Cents (\$0.15) per minute for automated voice response services used to provide caller with a menu of options, including their selected language, or for delivering customized messages in announce form to callers.

2. PAYMENTS: County Shall pay Contractor following its usual and customary payment practices in accordance with Agreement Paragraph, 5.0 BILLING AND PAYMENT.

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TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION SUPPORT SERVICES**

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Contractor Name

Address

Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification Number**GENERAL CERTIFICATION**

In accordance with Section 4.32.010 of the Code of the County of Los Angeles, the contractor, supplier, or vendor certifies and agrees that all persons employed by such firm, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies are and will be treated equally by the firm without regard to or because of race, religion, ancestry, national origin, or sex and in compliance with all anti-discrimination laws of the United States of America and the State of California.

CONTRACTOR'S SPECIFIC CERTIFICATIONS

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|----|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. | The Contractor has a written policy statement prohibiting discrimination in all phases of employment. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. | The Contractor periodically conducts a self analysis or utilization analysis of its work force. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. | The Contractor has a system for determining if its employment practices are discriminatory against protected groups. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. | Where problem areas are identified in employment practices, the Contractor has a system for taking reasonable corrective action, to include establishment of goals or timetables. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

Authorized Official's Printed Name and Title

Authorized Official's Signature

Date

COUNTY'S ADMINISTRATION

CONTRACT NO. _____

FACILITY'S PROJECT DIRECTOR:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Facsimile: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

FACILITY'S PROJECT MANAGER:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Facsimile: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

FACILITY'S PROJECT MONITOR:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Facsimile: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

CONTRACTOR'S ADMINISTRATION**CONTRACTOR'S NAME:** _____**CONTRACT NO:** _____**CONTRACTOR'S PROJECT MANAGER:**

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Facsimile: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

CONTRACTOR'S AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL(S)

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Facsimile: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Facsimile: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Notices to Contractor shall be sent to the following:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Facsimile: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

CONTRACTOR NAME _____ Agreement No. _____

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The Contractor referenced above has entered into an Agreement with the County of Los Angeles to provide certain services to the County. The County requires the Corporation to sign this Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement.

CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Contractor understands and agrees that the Contractor employees, consultants, Outsourced Vendors and independent contractors (Contractor's Staff) that will provide services in the above referenced agreement are Contractor's sole responsibility. Contractor understands and agrees that Contractor's Staff must rely exclusively upon Contractor for payment of salary and any and all other benefits payable by virtue of Contractor's Staff's performance of work under the above-referenced Agreement.

Contractor understands and agrees that Contractor's Staff are not employees of the County of Los Angeles for any purpose whatsoever and that Contractor's Staff do not have and will not acquire any rights or benefits of any kind from the County of Los Angeles by virtue of my performance of work under the above-referenced Agreement. Contractor understands and agrees that Contractor's Staff will not acquire any rights or benefits from the County of Los Angeles pursuant to any agreement between any person or entity and the County of Los Angeles.

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT:

Contractor and Contractor's Staff may be involved with work pertaining to services provided by the County of Los Angeles and, if so, Contractor and Contractor's Staff may have access to confidential data and information pertaining to persons and/or entities receiving services from the County. In addition, Contractor and Contractor's Staff may also have access to proprietary information supplied by other vendors doing business with the County of Los Angeles. The County has a legal obligation to protect all such confidential data and information in its possession, especially data and information concerning health, criminal, and welfare recipient records. Contractor and Contractor's Staff understand that if they are involved in County work, the County must ensure that Contractor and Contractor's Staff, will protect the confidentiality of such data and information. Consequently, Contractor must sign this Confidentiality Agreement as a condition of work to be provided by Contractor's Staff for the County.

Contractor and Contractor's Staff hereby agrees that they will not divulge to any unauthorized person any data or information obtained while performing work pursuant to the above-referenced Agreement between Contractor and the County of Los Angeles. Contractor and Contractor's Staff agree to forward all requests for the release of any data or information received to County's Project Manager.

Contractor and Contractor's Staff agree to keep confidential all health, criminal, and welfare recipient records and all data and information pertaining to persons and/or entities receiving services from the County, design concepts, algorithms, programs, formats, documentation, Contractor proprietary information and all other original materials produced, created, or provided to Contractor and Contractor's Staff under the above-referenced Agreement. Contractor and Contractor's Staff agree to protect these confidential materials against disclosure to other than Contractor or County employees who have a need to know the information. Contractor and Contractor's Staff agree that if proprietary information supplied by other County vendors is provided to me during this employment, Contractor and Contractor's Staff shall keep such information confidential.

Contractor and Contractor's Staff agree to report any and all violations of this agreement by Contractor and Contractor's Staff and/or by any other person of whom Contractor and Contractor's Staff become aware.

Contractor and Contractor's Staff acknowledge that violation of this agreement may subject Contractor and Contractor's Staff to civil and/or criminal action and that the County of Los Angeles may seek all possible legal redress.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: ____/____/____

PRINTED NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

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CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE JURY SERVICE

2.203.010 Findings.

The board of supervisors makes the following findings. The county of Los Angeles allows its permanent, full-time employees unlimited jury service at their regular pay. Unfortunately, many businesses do not offer or are reducing or even eliminating compensation to employees who serve on juries. This creates a potential financial hardship for employees who do not receive their pay when called to jury service, and those employees often seek to be excused from having to serve. Although changes in the court rules make it more difficult to excuse a potential juror on grounds of financial hardship, potential jurors continue to be excused on this basis, especially from longer trials. This reduces the number of potential jurors and increases the burden on those employers, such as the county of Los Angeles, who pay their permanent, full-time employees while on juror duty. For these reasons, the county of Los Angeles has determined that it is appropriate to require that the businesses with which the county contracts possess reasonable jury service policies. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.020 Definitions.

The following definitions shall be applicable to this chapter:

- A. "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation or other entity which has a contract with the county or a subcontract with a county contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more such contracts or subcontracts.
- B. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of a contractor under the laws of California.
- C. "Contract" means any agreement to provide goods to, or perform services for or on behalf of, the county but does not include:
 - 1. A contract where the board finds that special circumstances exist that justify a waiver of the requirements of this chapter; or
 - 2. A contract where federal or state law or a condition of a federal or state program mandates the use of a particular contractor; or
 - 3. A purchase made through a state or federal contract; or
 - 4. A monopoly purchase that is exclusive and proprietary to a specific manufacturer, distributor, or reseller, and must match and inter-member with existing supplies, equipment or systems maintained by the county pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section P-3700 or a successor provision; or
 - 5. A revolving fund (petty cash) purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Fiscal Manual, Section 4.4.0 or a successor provision; or
 - 6. A purchase card purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section P-2810 or a successor provision; or
 - 7. A non-agreement purchase with a value of less than \$5,000 pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section A-0300 or a successor provision; or

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8. A bona fide emergency purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section PP-1100 or a successor provision.
- D. "Full time" means 40 hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if:
1. The lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the chief administrative officer, or
 2. The contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full time.
- E. "County" means the county of Los Angeles or any public entities for which the board of supervisors is the governing body. (Ord. 2002-0040 § 1, 2002: Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.030 Applicability.

This chapter shall apply to contractors who enter into contracts that commence after July 11, 2002. This chapter shall also apply to contractors with existing contracts which are extended into option years that commence after July 11, 2002. Contracts that commence after May 28, 2002, but before July 11, 2002, shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter only if the solicitations for such contracts stated that the chapter would be applicable. (Ord. 2002-0040 § 2, 2002: Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.040 Contractor Jury Service Policy.

A contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its employees shall receive from the contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the contractor or that the contractor deduct from the employees' regular pay the fees received for jury service. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.050 Other Provisions.

- A. Administration. The chief administrative officer shall be responsible for the administration of this chapter. The chief administrative officer may, with the advice of county counsel, issue interpretations of the provisions of this chapter and shall issue written instructions on the implementation and ongoing administration of this chapter. Such instructions may provide for the delegation of functions to other county departments.
- B. Compliance Certification. At the time of seeking a contract, a contractor shall certify to the county that it has and adheres to a policy consistent with this chapter or will have and adhere to such a policy prior to award of the contract. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.060 Enforcement and Remedies.

For a contractor's violation of any provision of this chapter, the county department head responsible for administering the contract may do one or more of the following:

1. Recommend to the board of supervisors the termination of the contract; and/or,
2. Pursuant to chapter 2.202, seek the debarment of the contractor. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

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2.203.070. Exceptions.

- A. Other Laws. This chapter shall not be interpreted or applied to any contractor or to any employee in a manner inconsistent with the laws of the United States or California.
- B. Collective Bargaining Agreements. This chapter shall be superseded by a collective bargaining agreement that expressly so provides.
- C. Small Business. This chapter shall not be applied to any contractor that meets all of the following:
 - 1. Has ten or fewer employees during the contract period; and,
 - 2. Has annual gross revenues in the preceding twelve months which, if added to the annual amount of the contract awarded, are less than \$500,000; and,
 - 3. Is not an affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation.

“Dominant in its field of operation” means having more than ten employees and annual gross revenues in the preceding twelve months which, if added to the annual amount of the contract awarded, exceed \$500,000.

“Affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation” means a business which is at least 20 percent owned by a business dominant in its field of operation, or by partners, officers, directors, majority stockholders, or their equivalent, of a business dominant in that field of operation. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.090. Severability.

If any provision of this chapter is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT

CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATIONS AS A "BUSINESS ASSOCIATE" UNDER THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996 (HIPAA) AND THE HEALTH CARE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR ECONOMIC AND CLINICAL HEALTH ACT (HITECH)

Under this Agreement, Contractor ("Business Associate") provides services ("Services") to County ("Covered Entity") and Business Associate receives, has access to or creates Protected Health Information in order to provide those Services.

Covered Entity is subject to the Administrative Simplification requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 ("HIPAA"), and regulations promulgated thereunder, including the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information ("Privacy Regulations") and the Health Insurance Reform: Security Standards ("the Security Regulations") at 45 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Parts 160 and 164 (together, the "Privacy and Security Regulations"). The Privacy and Security Regulations require Covered Entity to enter into a contract with Business Associate ("Business Associate Agreement") in order to mandate certain protections for the privacy and security of Protected Health Information, and those Regulations prohibit the disclosure to or use of Protected Health Information by Business Associate if such a contract is not in place.

Further, pursuant to the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Public Law 111-005 ("HITECH Act"), effective February 17, 2010, certain provisions of the HIPAA Privacy and Security Regulations apply to Business Associates in the same manner as they apply to Covered Entity and such provisions must be incorporated into the Business Associate Agreement.

This Business Associate Agreement and the following provisions are intended to protect the privacy and provide for the security of Protected Health Information disclosed to or used by Business Associate in compliance with HIPAA's Privacy and Security Regulations and the HITECH Act, as they now exist or may hereafter be amended.

Therefore, the parties agree as follows:

DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 "Breach" has the same meaning as the term "breach" in 45 C.F.R. § 164.402.

- 1.2 “Disclose” and “Disclosure” mean, with respect to Protected Health Information, the release, transfer, provision of access to, or divulging in any other manner of Protected Health Information outside Business Associate’s internal operations or to other than its employees.
- 1.3 “Electronic Health Record” has the same meaning as the term “electronic health record” in the HITECH Act, 42 U.S.C. section 17921. Electronic Health Record means an electronic record of health-related information on an individual that is created, gathered, managed, and consulted by authorized health care clinicians and staff.
- 1.4 “Electronic Media” has the same meaning as the term “electronic media” in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. Electronic Media means (1) Electronic storage media including memory devices in computers (hard drives) and any removable/transportable digital memory medium, such as magnetic tape or disk, optical disk, or digital memory card; or (2) Transmission media used to exchange information already in electronic storage media. Transmission media include, for example, the internet (wide-open), extranet (using internet technology to link a business with information accessible only to collaborating parties), leased lines, dial-up lines, private networks, and the physical movement of removable/transportable electronic storage media. Certain transmissions, including of paper, via facsimile, and of voice, via telephone, are not considered to be transmissions via electronic media, because the information being exchanged did not exist in electronic form before the transmission. The term “Electronic Media” draws no distinction between internal and external data, at rest (that is, in storage) as well as during transmission.
- 1.5 “Electronic Protected Health Information” has the same meaning as the term “electronic protected health information” in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. Electronic Protected Health Information means Protected Health Information that is (i) transmitted by electronic media; (ii) maintained in electronic media.
- 1.6 “Individual” means the person who is the subject of Protected Health Information and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.502(g).
- 1.7 “Minimum Necessary” refers to the minimum necessary standard in 45 C.F.R. § 162.502 (b) as in effect or as amended.
- 1.8 “Privacy Rule” means the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Parts 160 and 164, also referred to as the Privacy Regulations.

- 1.9 "Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as the term "protected health information" in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, limited to the information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity. Protected Health Information includes information that (i) relates to the past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of an Individual; the provision of health care to an Individual, or the past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an Individual; (ii) identifies the Individual (or for which there is a reasonable basis for believing that the information can be used to identify the Individual); and (iii) is received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity, or is created by Business Associate, or is made accessible to Business Associate by Covered Entity. "Protected Health Information" includes Electronic Health Information.
- 1.10 "Required By Law" means a mandate contained in law that compels an entity to make a Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information and that is enforceable in a court of law. Required by law includes, but is not limited to, court orders and court-ordered warrants; subpoenas or summons issued by a court, grand jury, a governmental or tribal inspector general, or any administrative body authorized to require the production of information; a civil or an authorized investigative demand; Medicare conditions of participation with respect to health care providers participating in the program; and statutes or regulations that require the production of information, including statutes or regulations that require such information if payment is sought under a government program providing benefits.
- 1.11 "Security Incident" means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, Use, Disclosure, modification, or destruction of information in, or interference with system operations of, an Information System which contains Electronic Protected Health Information. However, Security Incident does not include attempts to access an Information System when those attempts are not reasonably considered by Business Associate to constitute an actual threat to the Information System.
- 1.12 "Security Rule" means the Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Health Information also referred to as the Security Regulations at 45 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 160 and 164.
- 1.13 "Services" has the same meaning as in the body of this Agreement.
- 1.14 "Unsecured Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as the term "unsecured protected health information" in 45 C.F.R. § 164.402.

- 1.15 “Use” or “Uses” mean, with respect to Protected Health Information, the sharing, employment, application, utilization, examination or analysis of such Information within Business Associate’s internal operations.
- 1.16 Terms used, but not otherwise defined in this Business Associate Agreement shall have the same meaning as those terms in the HIPAA Regulations and HITECH Act.

OBLIGATIONS OF BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

2.1 Permitted Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information. Business Associate:

- (a) shall Use and Disclose Protected Health Information only as necessary to perform the Services, and as provided in Sections 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9, 2.10, 4.3 and 5.2 of this Agreement;
- (b) shall Disclose Protected Health Information to Covered Entity upon request;
- (c) may, as necessary for the proper management and administration of its business or to carry out its legal responsibilities:
 - (i) Use Protected Health Information; and
 - (ii) Disclose Protected Health Information if the Disclosure is Required by Law.

Business Associate shall not Use or Disclose Protected Health Information for any other purpose or in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy Regulations or the HITECH Act if so Used or Disclosed by Covered Entity.

2.2 Prohibited Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information. Business Associate:

- (a) shall not Use or Disclose Protected Health Information for fundraising or marketing purposes.
- (b) shall not disclose Protected Health Information to a health plan for payment or health care operations purposes if the Individual has requested this special restriction and has paid out of pocket in full for the health care item or service to which the Protected Health Information solely relates.

- (c) shall not directly or indirectly receive payment in exchange for Protected Health Information, except with the prior written consent of Covered Entity and as permitted by the HITECH Act. This prohibition shall not effect payment by Covered Entity to Business Associate. Covered Entity shall not provide such written consent except upon express approval of the departmental privacy officer and only to the extent permitted by law, including HIPAA and the HITECH Act.

2.3 Adequate Safeguards for Protected Health Information. Business Associate:

- (a) shall implement and maintain appropriate safeguards to prevent the Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information in any manner other than as permitted by this Business Associate Agreement. Business Associate agrees to limit the Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information to the Minimum Necessary in accordance with the Privacy Regulation's minimum necessary standard as in effect or as amended.
- (b) as to Electronic Protected Health Information, shall implement and maintain administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of Electronic Protected Health Information; effective February 17, 2010, said safeguards shall be in accordance with 45 C.F.R. Sections 164.308, 164.310, and 164.312, and shall comply with the Security Rule's policies and procedure and documentation requirements.

2.4 Reporting Non-Permitted Use or Disclosure and Security Incidents and Breaches of Unsecured Protected Health Information. Business Associate

- (a) shall report to Covered Entity each Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information that is made by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, Agents, subcontractors, or other parties under Business Associate's control with access to Protected Health Information but which is not specifically permitted by this Business Associate Agreement or otherwise required by law.
- (b) shall report to Covered Entity each Security Incident of which Business Associate becomes aware.
- (c) shall notify Covered Entity of each Breach by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, agents or subcontractors of Unsecured Protected Health Information that is known to Business Associate or, by exercising reasonable diligence, would have been known to Business Associate. Business Associate shall be deemed to have knowledge of a Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information if

the Breach is known, or by exercising reasonable diligence would have been known, to any person, other than the person committing the Breach, who is an employee, officer, or other agent of the Business Associate as determined in accordance with the federal common law of agency.

2.4.1 Immediate Telephonic Report. Except as provided in Section 2.4.3, notification shall be made immediately upon discovery of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information, Security Incident or Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information by telephone call to [To Be Determined], telephone number 1(800) 711-5366.

2.4.2 Written Report. Except as provided in Section 2.4.3, the initial telephonic notification shall be followed by written notification made without unreasonable delay and in no event later than three (3) business days from the date of discovery of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information, Security Incident, or Breach by the Business Associate to the Chief Privacy Officer at:

Chief Privacy Officer
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Suite 525
Los Angeles, California 90012
HIPAA@auditor.lacounty.gov
(213) 974-2166

- (a) The notification required by section 2.4 shall include, to the extent possible, the identification of each Individual whose Unsecured Protected Health Information has been, or is reasonably believed by the Business Associate to have been, accessed, acquired, Used, or Disclosed; and
- (b) The notification required by section 2.4 shall include, to the extent possible, all information required to provide notification to the Individual under 45 C.F.R. 164.404(c), including:
 - (i) A brief description of what happened, including the date of the Breach and the date of the discovery of the Breach, if known;

- (ii) A description of the types of Unsecured Protected Health Information that were involved in the Breach (such as whether full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number, diagnosis, disability code, or other types of information were involved);
- (iii) Any other details necessary to conduct an assessment of whether there is a risk of harm to the Individual;
- (iv) Any steps Business Associate believes that the Individual could take to protect him or herself from potential harm resulting from the breach;
- (v) A brief description of what Business Associate is doing to investigate the Breach, to mitigate harm to the Individual, and to protect against any further Breaches; and
- (vi) The name and contact information for the person most knowledgeable regarding the facts and circumstances of the Breach.

If Business Associate is not able to provide the information specified in section 2.3.2 (a) or (b) at the time of the notification required by section 2.4.2, Business Associate shall provide such information promptly thereafter as such information becomes available.

2.4.3 Request for Delay by Law Enforcement. Business Associate may delay the notification required by section 2.4 if a law enforcement official states to Business Associate that notification would impede a criminal investigation or cause damage to national security. If the law enforcement official's statement is in writing and specifies the time for which a delay is required, Business Associate shall delay notification, notice, or posting for the time period specified by the official; if the statement is made orally, Business Associate shall document the statement, including the identity of the official making the statement, and delay notification, notice, or posting temporarily and no longer than 30 days from the date of the oral statement, unless a written statement as described in paragraph (a) of this section is submitted during that time.

2.5 Mitigation of Harmful Effect. Business Associate agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate

of a Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information by Business Associate in violation of the requirements of this Business Associate Agreement.

- 2.6 Breach Notification. Business Associate shall, to the extent Covered Entity determines that there has been a Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information, provide Breach notification for each and every Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, agents or subcontractors, in a manner that permits Covered Entity to comply with its obligations under Subpart D, Notification in the Case of Breach of Unsecured PHI, of the Privacy and Security Regulations, including:
- (a) Notifying each Individual whose Unsecured Protected Health Information has been, or is reasonably believed to have been, accessed, acquired, Used, or Disclosed as a result of such Breach;
 - (b) The notification required by paragraph (a) of this Section 2.6 shall include, to the extent possible:
 - (i) A brief description of what happened, including the date of the Breach and the date of the discovery of the Breach, if known;
 - (ii) A description of the types of Unsecured Protected Health Information that were involved in the Breach (such as whether full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number, diagnosis, disability code, or other types of information were involved);
 - (iii) Any steps the Individual should take to protect him or herself from potential harm resulting from the Breach;
 - (iv) A brief description of what Business Associate is doing to investigate the Breach, to mitigate harm to individuals, and to protect against any further Breaches; and
 - (v) Contact procedures for Individual(s) to ask questions or learn additional information, which shall include a toll-free telephone number, an e-mail address, Web site, or postal address.
 - (vi) The notification required by paragraph (a) of this section shall be written in plain language.

Covered Entity, in its sole discretion, may elect to provide the notification required by this Section 2.6, and Business Associate shall reimburse Covered Entity any and all costs incurred by Covered Entity, including costs of notification, internet posting, or media publication, as a result of Business Associate's Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information.

- 2.7 Availability of Internal Practices, Books and Records to Government Agencies. Business Associate agrees to make its internal practices, books and records relating to the Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information available to the Secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services for purposes of determining Covered Entity's compliance with the Privacy and Security Regulations. Business Associate shall immediately notify Covered Entity of any requests made by the Secretary and provide Covered Entity with copies of any documents produced in response to such request.
- 2.8 Access to Protected Health Information. Business Associate shall, to the extent Covered Entity determines that any Protected Health Information constitutes a "designated record set" as defined by 45 C.F.R. § 164.501, make the Protected Health Information specified by Covered Entity available to the Individual(s) identified by Covered Entity as being entitled to access and copy that Protected Health Information. Business Associate shall provide such access for inspection of that Protected Health Information within two (2) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity. Business Associate shall provide copies of that Protected Health Information within five (5) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity. If Business Associate maintains an Electronic Health Record, Business Associate shall provide such information in electronic format to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under the HITECH Act.
- 2.9 Amendment of Protected Health Information. Business Associate shall, to the extent Covered Entity determines that any Protected Health Information constitutes a "designated record set" as defined by 45 C.F.R. § 164.501, make any amendments to Protected Health Information that are requested by Covered Entity. Business Associate shall make such amendment within ten (10) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity in order for Covered Entity to meet the requirements under 45 C.F.R. § 164.526.
- 2.10 Accounting of Disclosures. Upon Covered Entity's request, Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity an accounting of each Disclosure of Protected Health Information made by Business Associate or its employees, agents, representatives or subcontractors, in order to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance

with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528 and/or the HITECH Act which requires an Accounting of Disclosures of Protected Health Information maintained in an Electronic Health Record for treatment, payment, and health care operations.

[Optional, to be used when all Uses and Disclosures permitted in order to perform the Services will be for the Covered Entity's payment or health care operations activities: However, Business Associate is not required to provide an Accounting of Disclosures that are necessary to perform the Services because such Disclosures are for either payment or health care operations purposes, or both.]

Any accounting provided by Business Associate under this Section 2.10 shall include: (a) the date of the Disclosure; (b) the name, and address if known, of the entity or person who received the Protected Health Information; (c) a brief description of the Protected Health Information disclosed; and (d) a brief statement of the purpose of the Disclosure. For each Disclosure that could require an accounting under this Section 2.10, Business Associate shall document the information specified in (a) through (d), above, and shall securely maintain the information for six (6) years from the date of the Disclosure. Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity, within ten (10) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity, information collected in accordance with this Section 2.10 to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528. If Business Associate maintains an Electronic Health Record, Business Associate shall provide such information in electronic format to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under the HITECH Act.

- 2.11 Indemnification. Business Associate shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Covered Entity, including its elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all liability, including but not limited to demands, claims, actions, fees, costs, penalties and fines (including regulatory penalties and/or fines), and expenses (including attorney and expert witness fees), arising from or connected with Business Associate's acts and/or omissions arising from and/or relating to this Business Associate Agreement; Business Associate's obligations under this provision extend to compliance and/or enforcement actions and/or activities, whether formal or informal, of Secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services and/or Office for Civil Rights.

3.0 OBLIGATION OF COVERED ENTITY

- 3.1 Obligation of Covered Entity. Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any current or future restrictions or limitations on the use of Protected Health Information that would affect Business Associate's performance of the Services, and Business Associate shall thereafter restrict or limit its own uses and disclosures accordingly.

4.0 TERM AND TERMINATION

- 4.1 Term. The term of this Business Associate Agreement shall be the same as the term of this Agreement. Business Associate's obligations under Sections 2.1 (as modified by Section 4.2), 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9, 2.10, 4.3 and 5.2 shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

- 4.2 Termination for Cause. In addition to and notwithstanding the termination provisions set forth in this Agreement, upon either party's knowledge of a material breach by the other party, the party with knowledge of the other party's breach shall:

- (a) Provide an opportunity for the breaching party to cure the breach or end the violation and terminate this Agreement if the breaching party does not cure the breach or end the violation within the time specified by the non-breaching party;
- (b) Immediately terminate this Agreement if a party has breached a material term of this Agreement and cure is not possible; or
- (c) If neither termination nor cure is feasible, report the violation to the Secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services.

- 4.3 Disposition of Protected Health Information Upon Termination or Expiration.

- (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, upon termination for any reason or expiration of this Agreement, Business Associate shall return or destroy all Protected Health Information received from Covered Entity, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity. This provision shall apply to Protected Health Information that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Business Associate. Business Associate shall retain no copies of the Protected Health Information.
- (b) In the event that Business Associate determines that returning or destroying the Protected Health Information is infeasible, Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity notification of the conditions

that make infeasible. If return or destruction is infeasible, Business Associate shall extend the protections of this Business Associate Agreement to such Protected Health Information and limit further Uses and Disclosures of such Protected Health Information to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Business Associate maintains such Protected Health Information.

5.0 MISCELLANEOUS

- 5.1 No Third Party Beneficiaries. Nothing in this Business Associate Agreement shall confer upon any person other than the parties and their respective successors or assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities whatsoever.
- 5.2 Use of Subcontractors and Agents. Business Associate shall require each of its agents and subcontractors that receive Protected Health Information from Business Associate, or create Protected Health Information for Business Associate, on behalf of Covered Entity, to execute a written agreement obligating the agent or subcontractor to comply with all the terms of this Business Associate Agreement.
- 5.3 Relationship to Services Agreement Provisions. In the event that a provision of this Business Associate Agreement is contrary to another provision of this Agreement, the provision of this Business Associate Agreement shall control. Otherwise, this Business Associate Agreement shall be construed under, and in accordance with, the terms of this Agreement.
- 5.4 Regulatory References. A reference in this Business Associate Agreement to a section in the Privacy and/or Security Regulations means the section as in effect or as amended.
- 5.5 Interpretation. Any ambiguity in this Business Associate Agreement shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that permits Covered Entity to comply with the Privacy and Security Regulations.
- 5.6 Amendment. The parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Business Associate Agreement from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity to comply with the requirements of the Privacy and Security Regulations and other privacy laws governing Protected Health Information

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS CERTIFICATION

Company Name

Address

Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification Number

California Registry of Charitable Trusts "CT" number (if applicable)

The Nonprofit Integrity Act (SB 1262, Chapter 919) added requirements to California's Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act which regulates those receiving and raising charitable contributions.

Check the Certification below that is applicable to your company.

- ☐ Proposer or Contractor has examined its activities and determined that it does not now receive or raise charitable contributions regulated under California's Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act. If Proposer engages in activities subjecting it to those laws during the term of a County contract, it will timely comply with them and provide County a copy of its initial registration with the California State Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts when filed.

OR

- ☐ Proposer or Contractor is registered with the California Registry of Charitable Trusts under the CT number listed above and is in compliance with its registration and reporting requirements under California law. Attached is a copy of its most recent filing with the Registry of Charitable Trusts as required by Title 11 California Code of Regulations, sections 300-301 and Government Code sections 12585-12586.

Signature

Date

Name and Title of Signer (please print)